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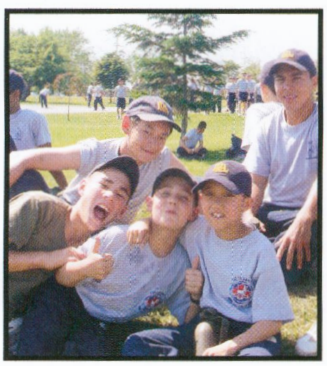

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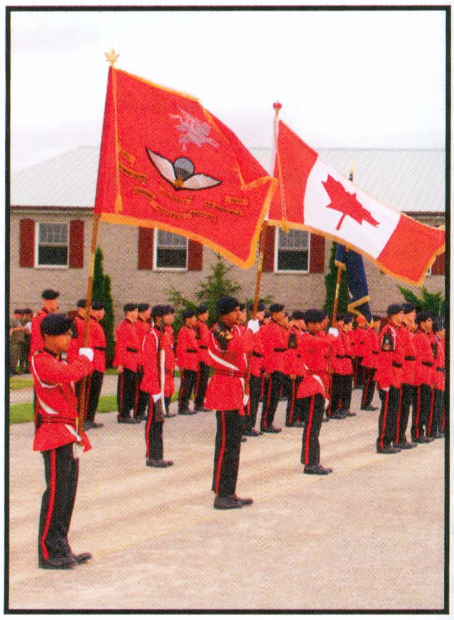

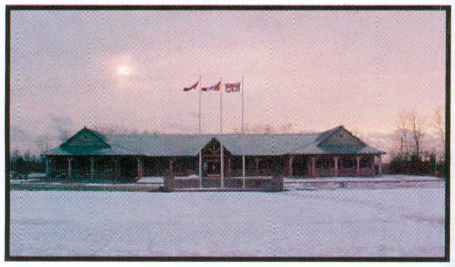

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leadership

Senior NCO's

M/Cpl Naser Omar

HEAD BOY

L/Cpl Jason Bergatt

PARADE SERGEANT MAJOR

M/Cpl Jacob Duerksen

AIDE-DE-CAMP

A Message from the Headmaster

Lieutenant Colonel G.S. Bowman
Founder & Headmaster

This has been a year of initiatives and heartwarming results!

Academically, we have extended the day with evening classes in B Company, while A Company has taken extra time to focus on language and math skills. Our graduates this year earned admission to premier universities and colleges across the country and many of them received entrance scholarships. A rousing "Well Done!" has to be extended to the entire Cadet body and the Faculty who have worked so well to help achieve these goals.

Athletically, our teams displayed the highest standards of sportsmanship. Hockey has returned to our roster of sports and the coaches are as happy as the Cadets about being back on the ice. Adventure training was excellent this past year with the Virginia exercise, parachuting and scuba diving heading the list.

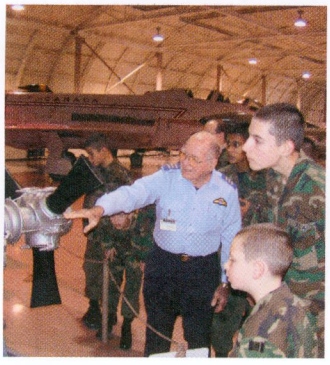
The development of "Depot" is progressing. We are in the second year of a five year plan that will see additions to the campus, our adventure and outdoor education training programmes. We are all looking forward to winter training in 2006/07.

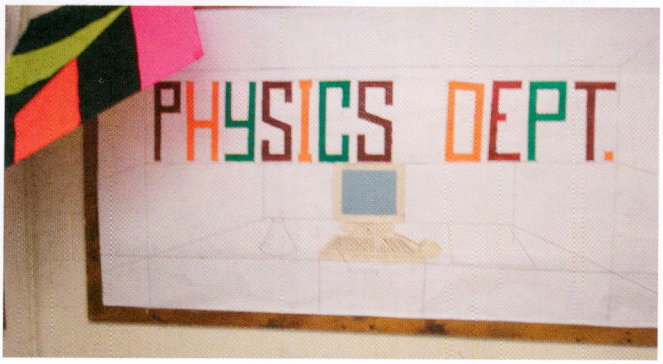
Thank you to the Faculty and Staff who have given so much to the boys. You are truly an exceptional group and, through your dedication, can take great pride in the accomplishments of our Cadets.

Thank you to the many people who supported the Scarlet Parade this year and participated in the events at the Academy. Your attendance helped to make it special for the boys.

We look forward to the challenges of the future and will build on the success of this year!

I Remain,
Respectfully Yours,
G.S. Bowman, Lieutenant Colonel (Honorary)
Founder & Headmaster





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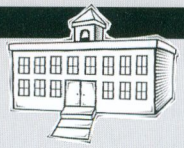
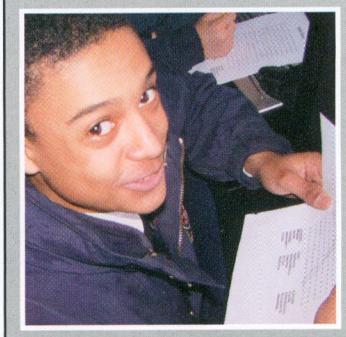
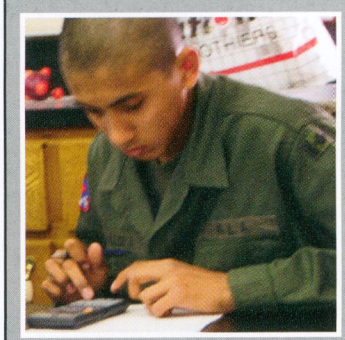
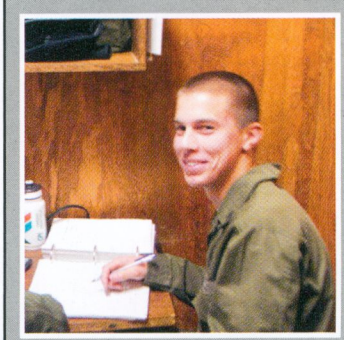








Dean of Studies

Dr. David B. Harley

Francois Rabelais, the great 16th century French physician and humanist thinker wrote "a student is not a vase to be filled but rather a fire that is to be lit". Many fires were lit in the 2005/2006 school year!

Several years ago I was present in the mess hall when the headmaster addressed the cadets. He asked for a show of hands of who present was achieving higher marks at RLA than at their previous school. Quickly and without hesitation, all hands went up. He then asked who was fitter and in better shape this year than last year. Once again, all of the hands went up. He then asked whose relationship with their parents and family was now better than it had been prior to coming to the Academy. Again, all hands went up. He then asked how many of those gathered wanted to return next year. A few hands were cautiously raised. The reason is not hard to find. We all like comfort and rest. However, for some it is preparatory to action or recovery from action. In others, it threatens to become a state of being.

Robert Land Academy provides a tough and demanding environment intended to nurture and develop character so as to prepare you for adult life and its responsibilities. The Academy was never intended to provide comfort but it was intended to provide support and encouragement in the face of challenge. The reason simply put is that life cannot be shut out or put on hold. Life will challenge you to the point of your utmost endurance and in some cases beyond.

Many give up their childhood reluctantly and cling to it well after it should be relinquished. Instead of childhood being a touchstone for our adult memory, it becomes a millstone around our necks preventing us from going forward in growth while being compelled to go forward in time. In the past year, many boys have become young men but in doing so the lure of childhood and a life free of responsibilities has not been cast aside easily. Some of you harbour a form of resentment for those who have helped you along this journey in the belief that you could have stayed behind a little longer and put off the transition to maturity. You will come to learn and appreciate that those who delay on this journey do so at their peril. Payment is exacted in adult life far out of proportion to the offence.

The years ahead will challenge you in ways that you never thought possible and you will have a lifetime to assess the time you have spent at Robert Land Academy. Life is not easy and it is only when looking back that we fully comprehend the freedom and opportunity of youth. It is also in our memory that past mentors, teachers and friends stayed fixed in time to revisit and reassess.

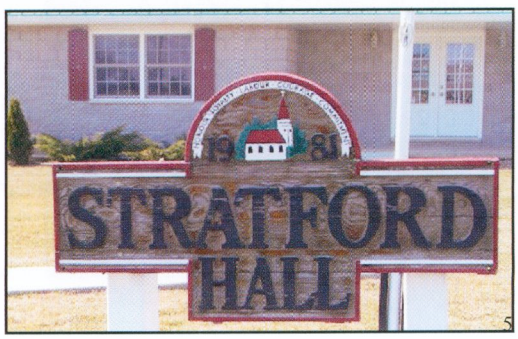
Many lessons and words of advice are remembered in some instances, acknowledgement will not occur until the individuals responsible have passed on and are beyond the reach of time. In such cases, our only means to repay past debts will be to extend to others the forbearance enjoyed at the hands of those more concerned with our own long term best interests than we were.

Year books such as this persevere as paper things – frail monuments to times past. To those of you who visit these pages in years to come, memories will be stimulated to recall your time here. You will remember things that you were told and have only now come to believe and you will remember advice given that you wish you had taken to heart. You will remember the people here who paid attention to you when you wanted to be ignored. You will remember friends and times of comradeship. But most of all, you will remember being at the exhilarating threshold of a future yet to come where your will and determination could carry you. In future times, you will remember and judge all of us. In future times, you will remember your future in the present terms of your past and you will judge yourself.

May your fires stay lit! If you feel the flames are flickering be sure to head for dry cover – keeping the flame going is your responsibility. Hold on to the challenge. Be the best that you can be and remember – to pass on the flame!

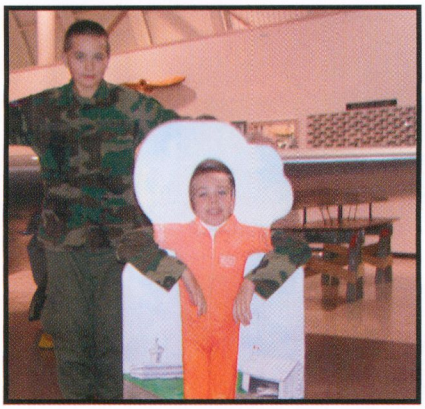
Sincerely yours,

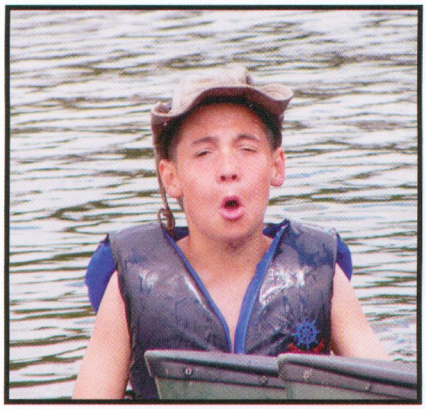
Dr. David B. Harley
B.A. Hons., M.A., M.S. (McMaster),
Ph.D. (Toronto)
Dean of Studies

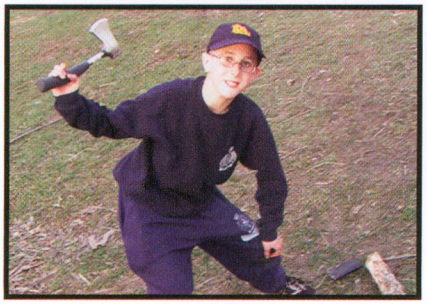


A Company

at work and play !







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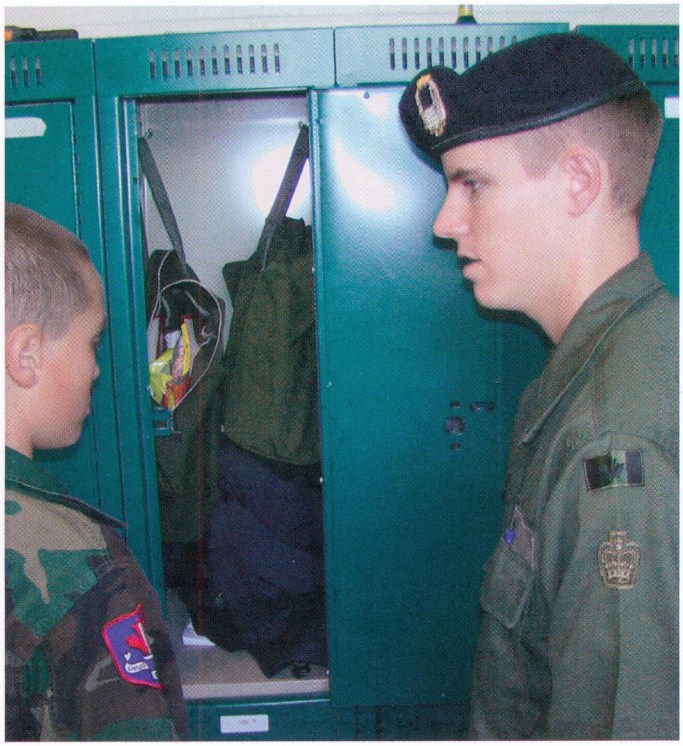

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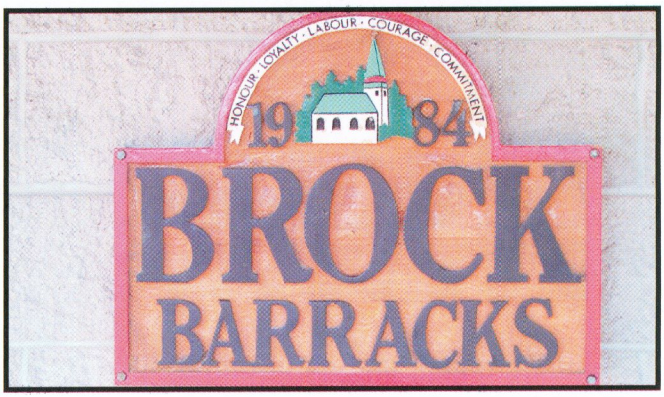
MWO Bowman - A Coy CSM



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I KNOW I Can

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Spencer Davis
Jesse Lee
Nic Rowe
Justin Wysocki

GRADE 7:
Alex Brandow
Cavan Cai
Peter Comes
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David Gebert
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Tyler L'Esperance
Dylan Massis
Craig Reinhart
Joseph Remer
Matthew Vigars

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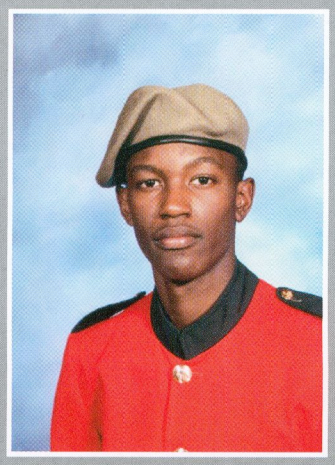

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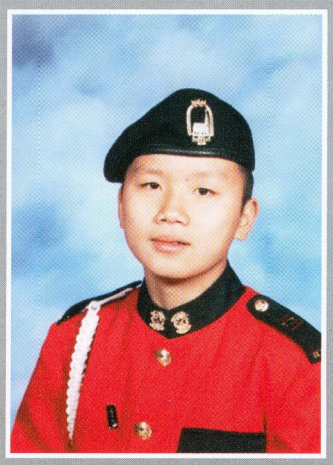

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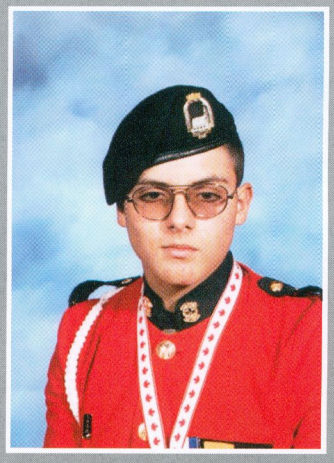

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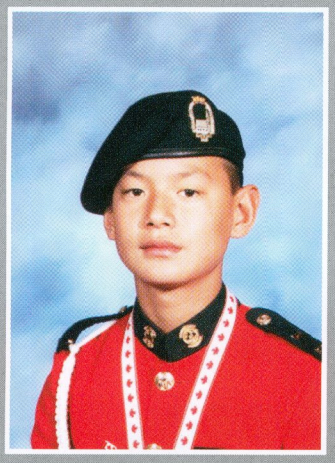

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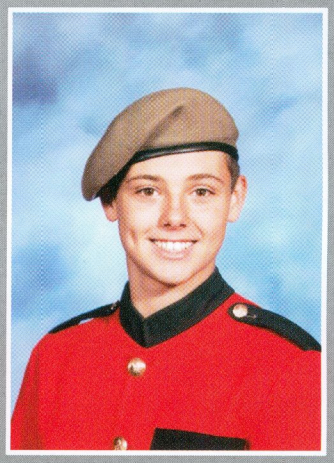

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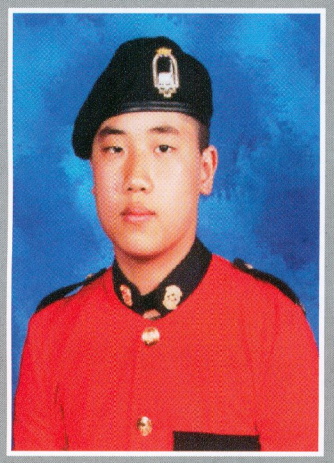

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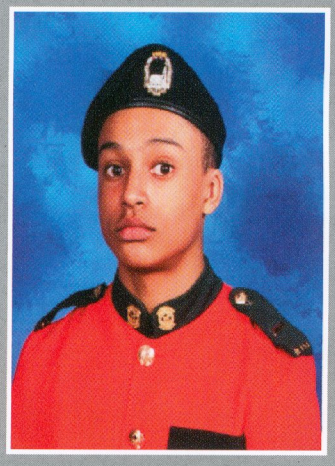

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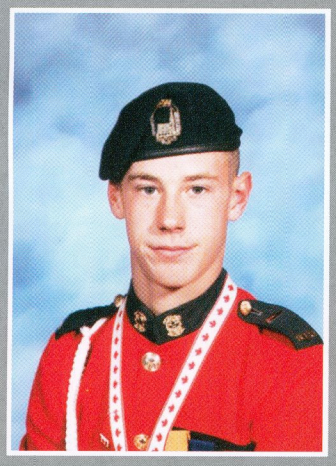

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Toby (Kai Sing) Ng

Alexander Opperthauser

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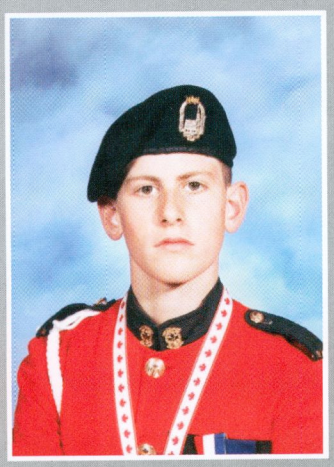

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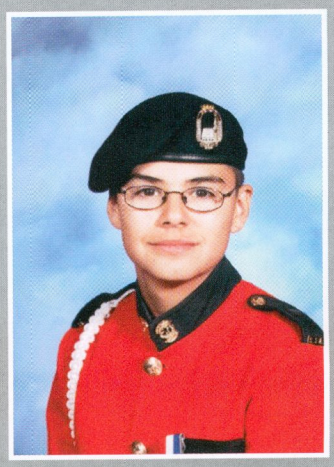

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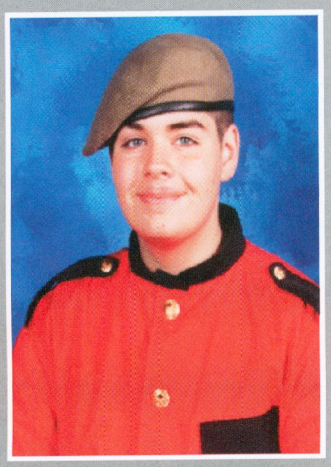

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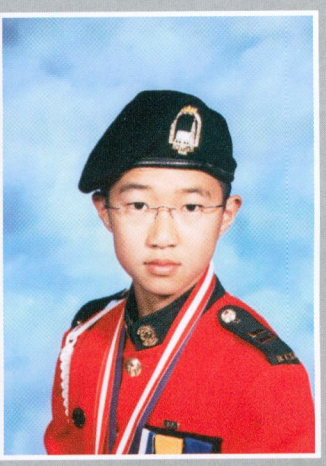

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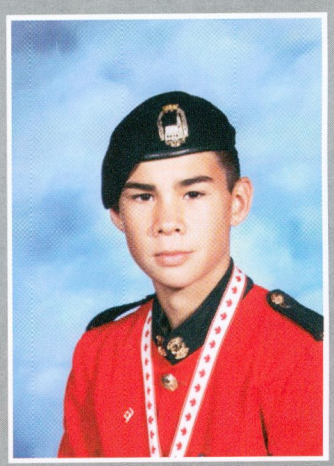
James (Fu Kin) Tam



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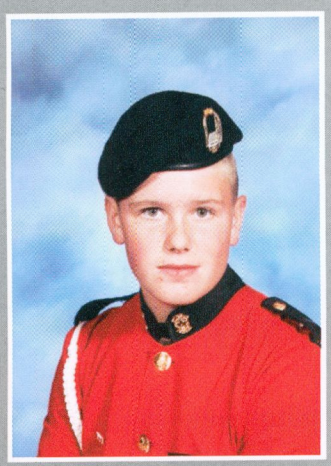

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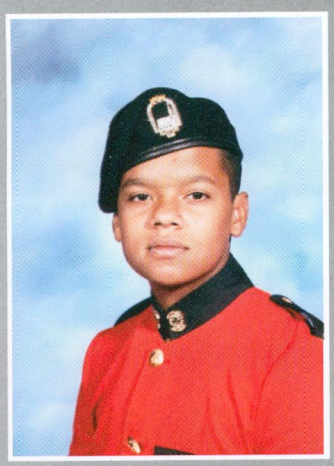

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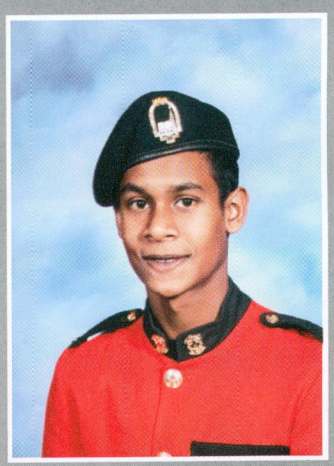

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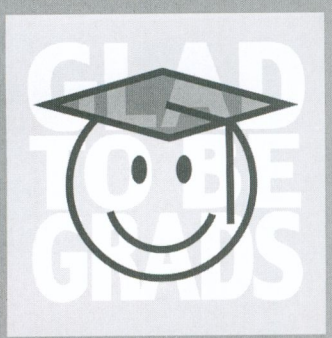

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Ian Beattie
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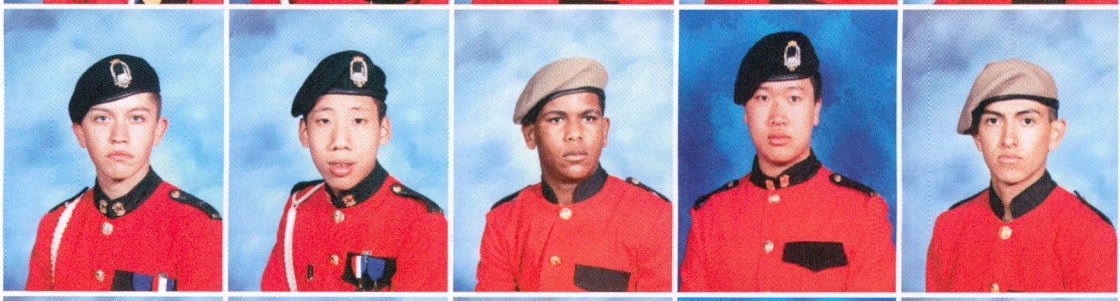

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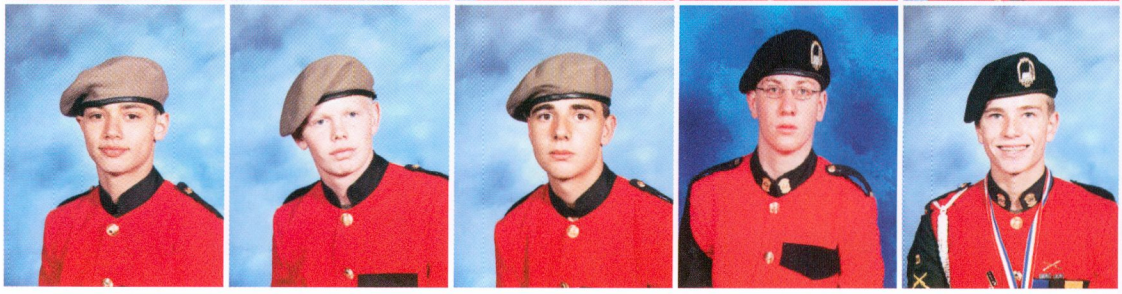

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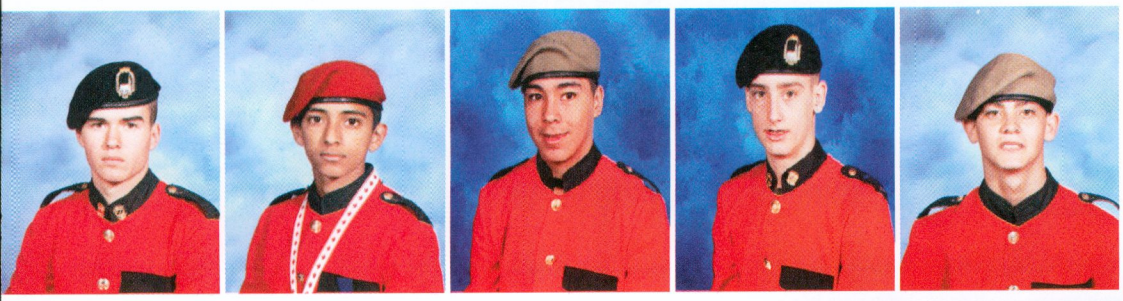

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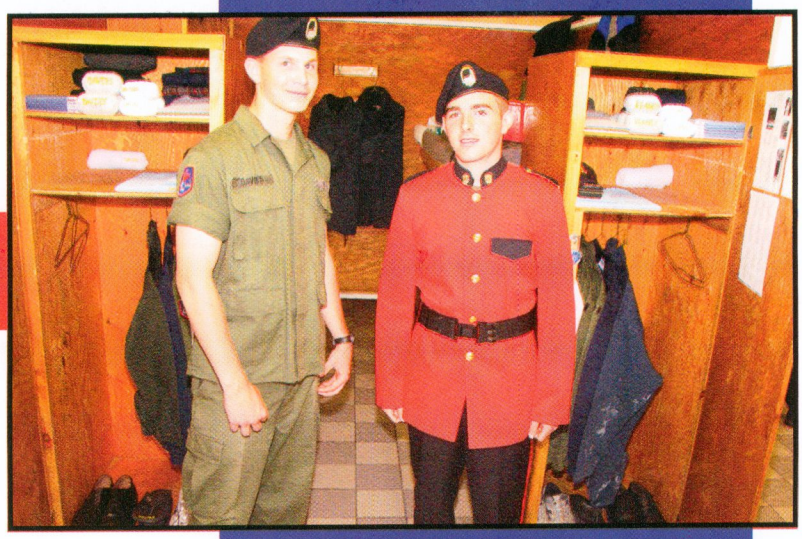

Captain C. Doig
B Company Commander

Bravo Company

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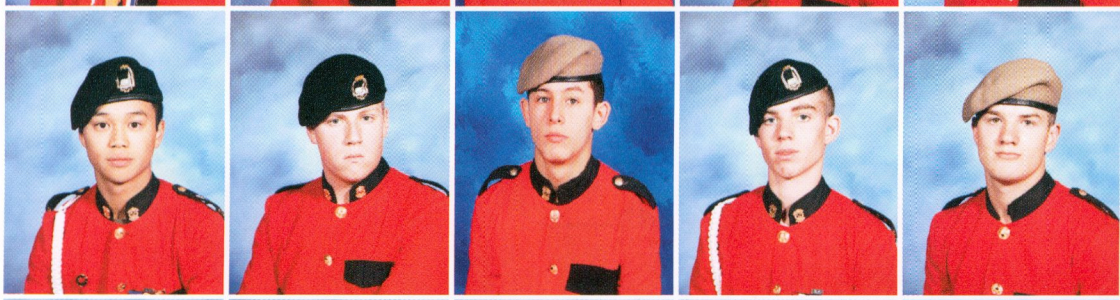

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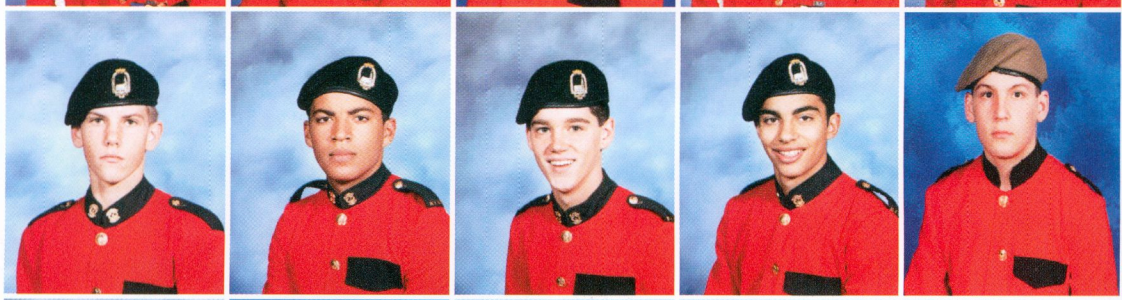

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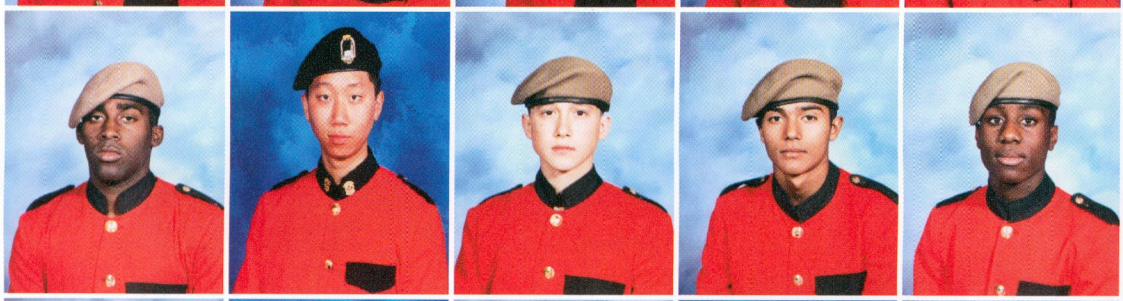

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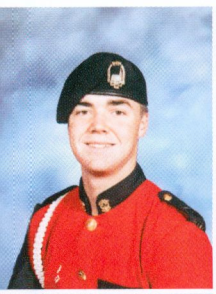
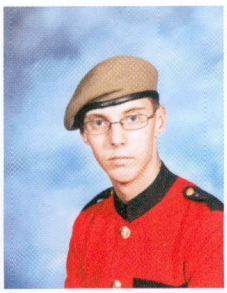
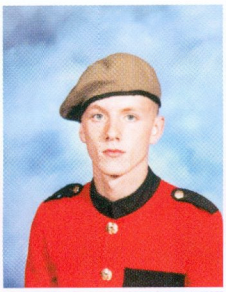
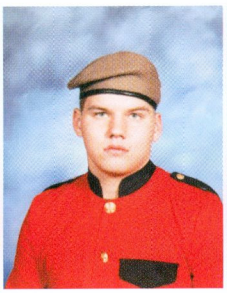

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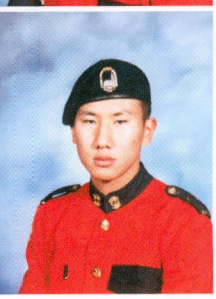

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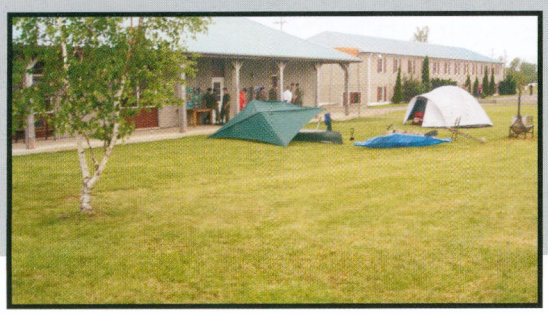

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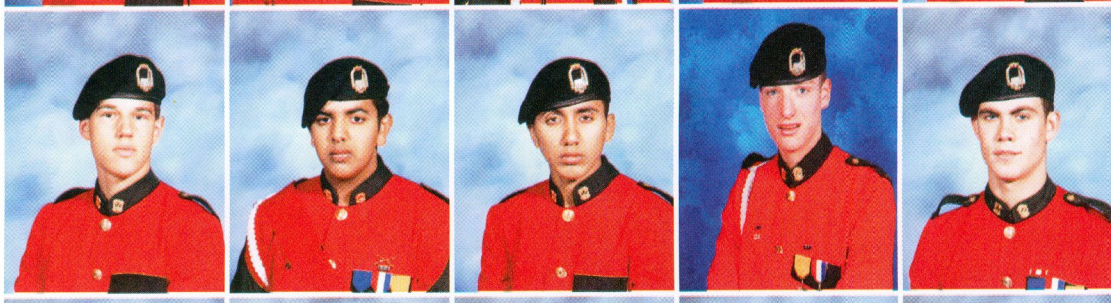

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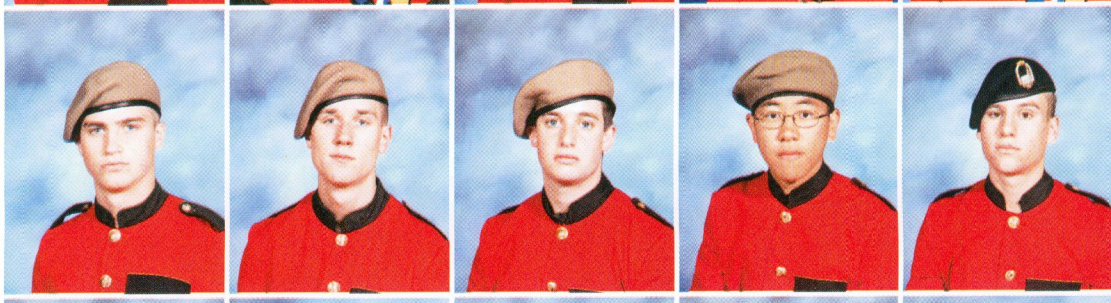

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Rory McLellan
Andrew Mendoza-Baez
Kyle Peters

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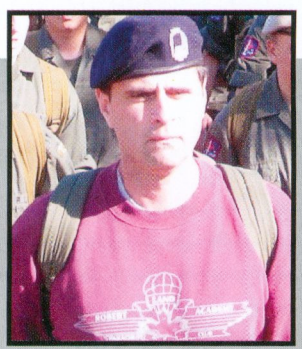

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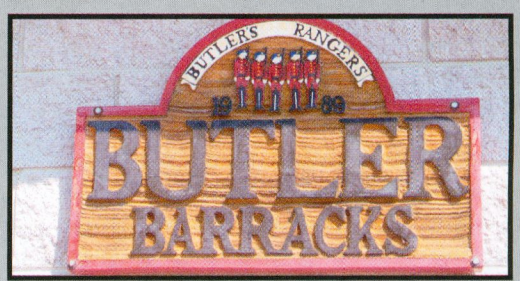
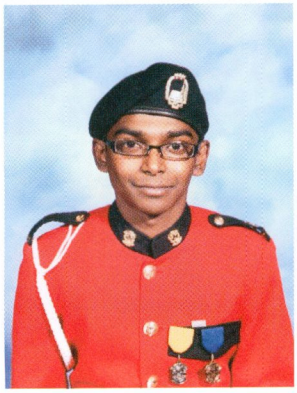
C Company Sergeant Major

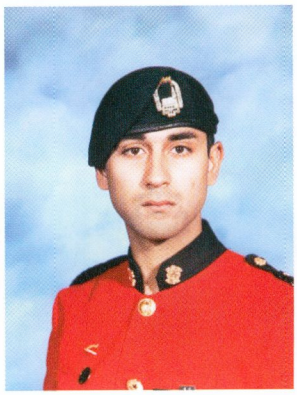


GRADE 12 GRADUATES

Mohammed Abdullah

Mohammed was awarded the Academy Good Conduct Cord, Service Pin, and Silver Citizenship Award. He was the recipient of the Robert Land Trophy, earned Marks of Distinction and was the Academy Valedictorian. Mohammed accepted a position at Trent University in the General Arts Programme.





Yaseen Ali

Yaseen was awarded the Academy Service Pin, Gold Academic Award and Bronze Citizenship Awards. He was the recipient of the Environmental Award and the Senior English Book Prize. He is on the Academy Honour Roll and is an Ontario Scholar. Yaseen accepted a position at York University in the General Arts Programme.

Darren Au

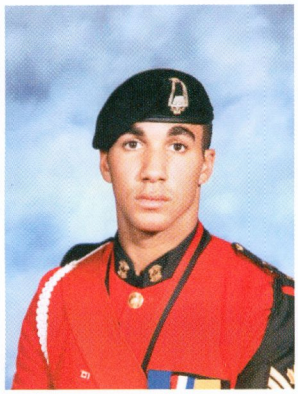
Darren was awarded the Academy Service Pin and Bronze Academic Award. He was ranked in the top 25% of contestants in the University of Waterloo Euclid Math Competition. He is on the Academy Honour Roll and is an Ontario Scholar. Darren accepted a position at the University of Waterloo in the Mathematics / Business Programme.

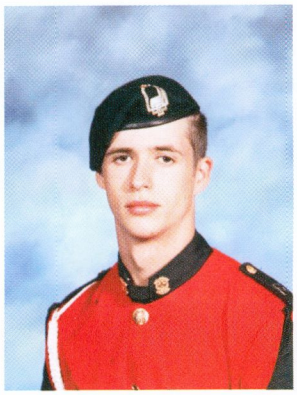
Andrew Belov

Andrew was awarded the Academy Service Pin, Gold Academic Award, and Bronze Citizenship Award, and he was the recipient of the Royal Bank Senior Business and Commerce Prize. He is on the Academy Honour Roll and is an Ontario Scholar. Andrew accepted a position at Carlton University in the International Business Programme.

Jason Bergatt

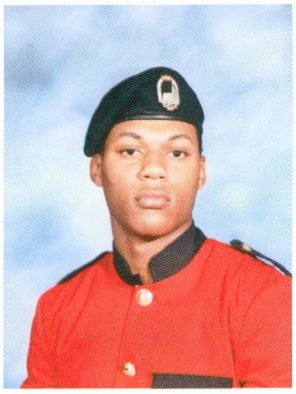
Jason was awarded the Academy Service Pin and Silver Athletics Award, and he was the recipient of the MVP Hockey Award. He served his graduating year as the Parade Sergeant Major. Jason has accepted a position at Georgian College in the Bachelor of Applied Human Services - Police Studies Programme.





Daniel Culjak

Daniel was awarded the Academy Service Pin. He accepted a position at Humber College in the Police Foundations Programme.

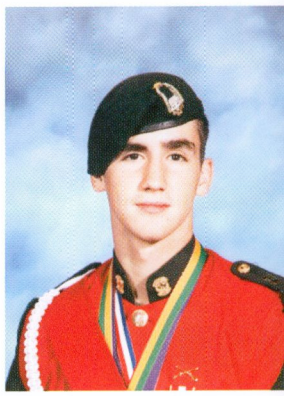


Jonathan Dantley

Jonathan graduated from the Academy and accepted a position with the United States Coast Guard.

Christopher Eastwood-Miles

Christopher was awarded the Academy Service Pin and Fitness Pin, and he was the recipient of the Senior Science Book Prize. He accepted a position at Dalhousie University in the Engineering Programme.



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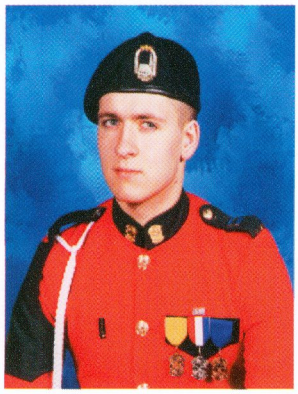
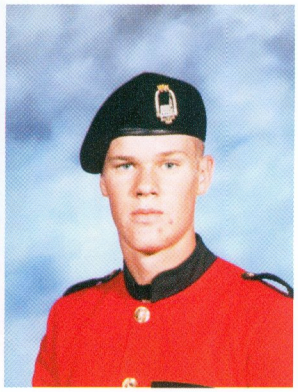
Adam Eddy

Adam was awarded the Academy Fitness Pin. Adam accepted a position with the Canadian Forces (Armoured Division).



Adrian Fournier

Adrian was awarded the Academy Service Pin, Silver Academic Award and Bronze Citizenship Award. He was also the recipient of the Cadence Award and the AMCSUS Award. Adrian accepted a position at George Brown College in the Nursing Programme.



Erik Giezen

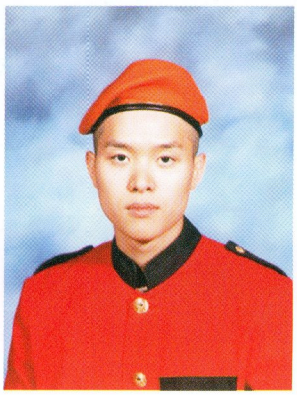
Erik was awarded the Academy Silver Athletics Award, and he was the recipient of the MVP Senior Basketball Award and the Athlete of the Year Award. He received Marks of Distinction. Eric plans to attend college in the fall.

Steven Gill

Steven was awarded the Academy Service Pin, Fitness Pin, Bronze Academic Award and Bronze Athletic Award. He is on the Academy Honour Roll. Steven plans to attend college in the United States in a police training programme.

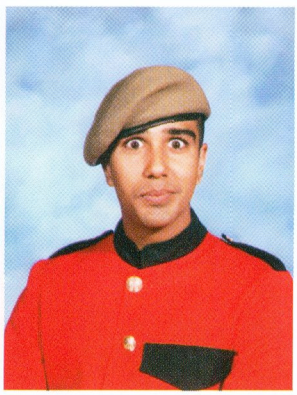
Evan Horkoff

Evan was awarded the Academy Good Conduct Cord. He accepted a position at Lakehead University through the Canadian Forces Regular Officer Training Programme and plans to study Chemistry.



Jason Hwang

Jason was awarded the Academy Good Conduct Cord, Service Pin, Bronze Athletics Award and Bronze Citizenship Award. He is on the Academy Honour Roll and is an Ontario Scholar. Jason accepted a position at the University of Guelph in the Biological Sciences Programme.

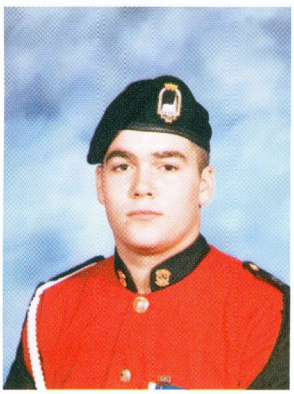


Alykhan Jivraj

Alykhan has accepted a position at McMaster University in the Social Sciences Programme.

Christopher Klaassen

Christopher was awarded the Academy Service Pin, Gold Athletics Award, and earned Marks of Distinction. He accepted a position at Trent University in the General Arts Programme.



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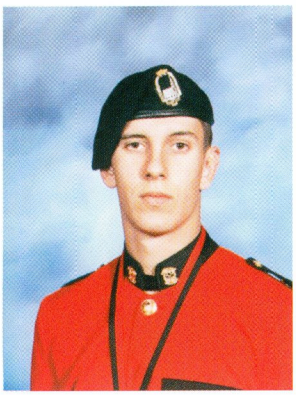
Nicholas Meyerman

Nicholas was awarded the Academy Good Conduct Cord. He accepted a position at Webster University in Switzerland.



Connor Mitchell

Connor was awarded the Academy Good Conduct Cord and he was the recipient of the MVP Volleyball Award. He earned Marks of Distinction and is an Ontario Scholar. Connor accepted a position at St. Francis Xavier University in the Business Programme.

Jimmy Morrison

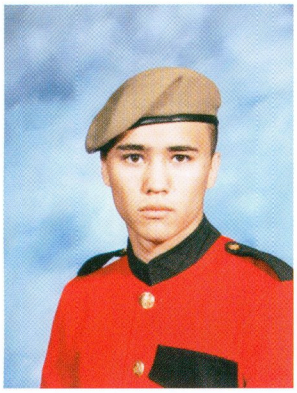
Jimmy was awarded the Academy Service Pin, Bronze Academic and Bronze Citizenship Awards. He is on the Academy Honour Roll and is an Ontario Scholar. Jimmy accepted a position at Laurentian University in the Science Programme.

Alexander Nye

Alexander was awarded the Gold Academic Award and Bronze Athletic Award. He is on the Academy Honour Roll and is an Ontario Scholar. Alexander has accepted a position at McMaster University in the Science Programme.

Lars Ogawa

Lars was awarded the Academy Good Conduct Cord. He plans to attend college in the United States to study computer science.



Naser Omar

Naser was awarded the Academy Service Pin and Silver Athletic Award, and he was the recipient of the MVP Wrestling Award. In his graduating year he served as the Academy's Head Boy. Omar plans to attend university in his home country Dubai.

Phillip Poon

Philip was awarded the Academy Service Pin and Good Conduct Cord. He has accepted a position at Sheridan College.

Dorjee Shrestha

Dorjee was awarded the Academy Service Pin, Bronze Athletic Award and Bronze Citizenship Award. He was also the recipient of the MVP Rugby Award. Dorjee accepted a position at Fanshawe College in the Business Programme.

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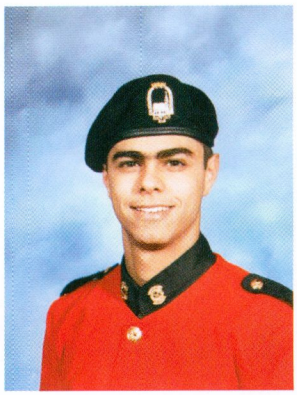
Eric Wang

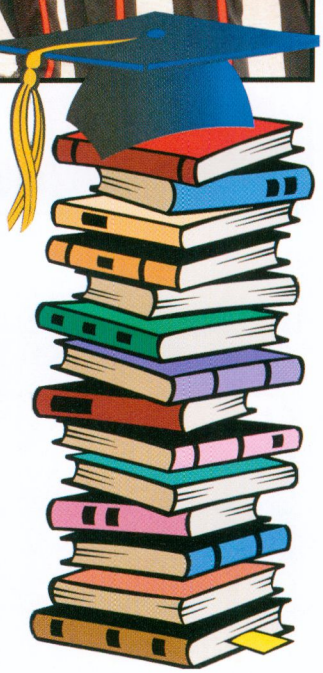
Eric was awarded the Academy Service Pin, Bronze Athletics Award and Bronze Citizenship Award. He was also the recipient of the Lieutenant Governor's Community Volunteer Award. Eric plans to attend university in his home county Dubai.



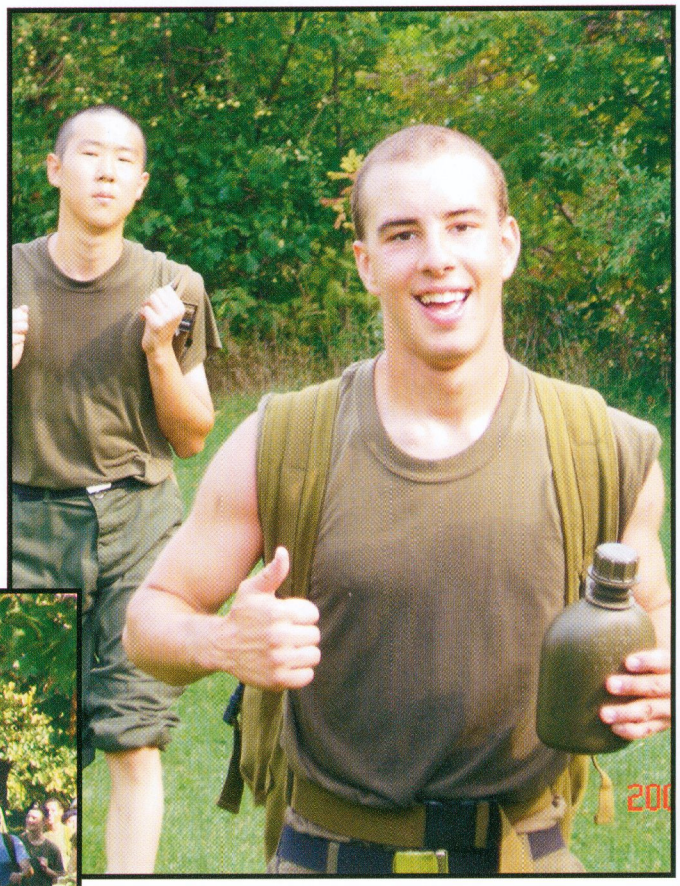
Rabee Younes

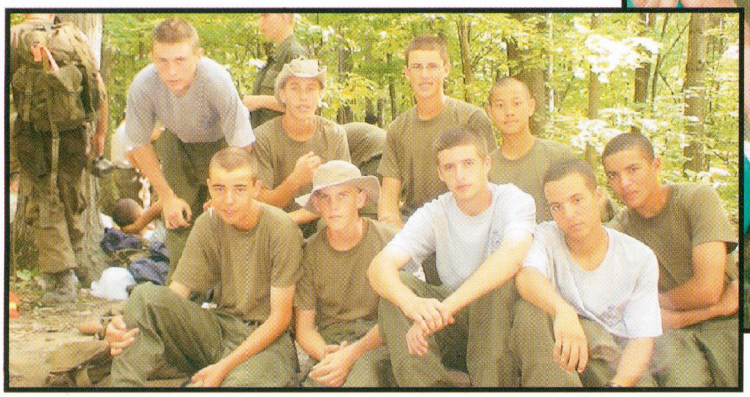
Rabee was awarded the Academy Good Conduct Cord, Gold Academic Awardand Silver Citizenship Award, and he is the recipient of the Governor General's Award. He is on the Academy Honour Roll and is an Ontario Scholar. Rabee accepted a position at McMaster University in the Engineering Programme.

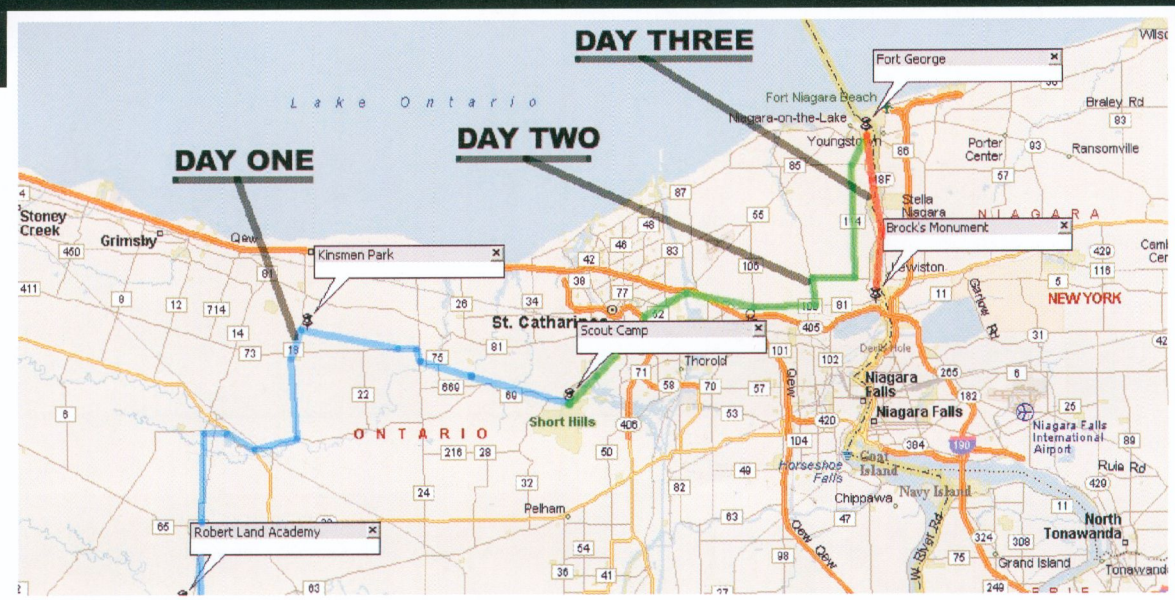
Congratulations Graduates !

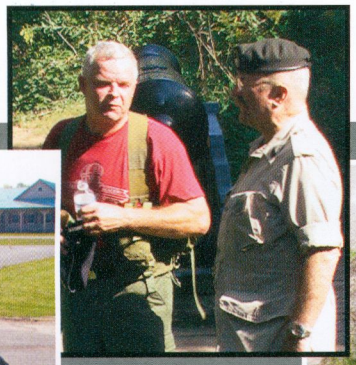


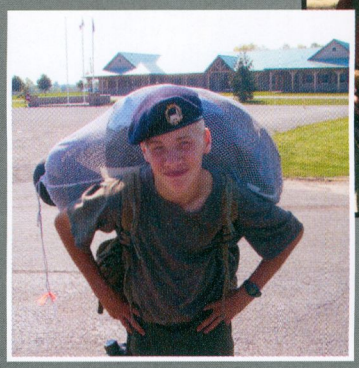
THE FALL EXERCISE

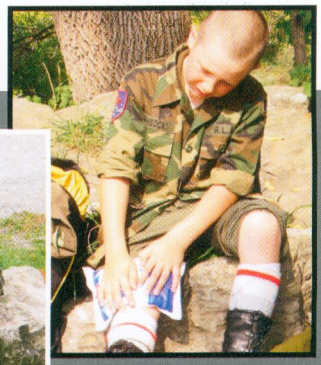












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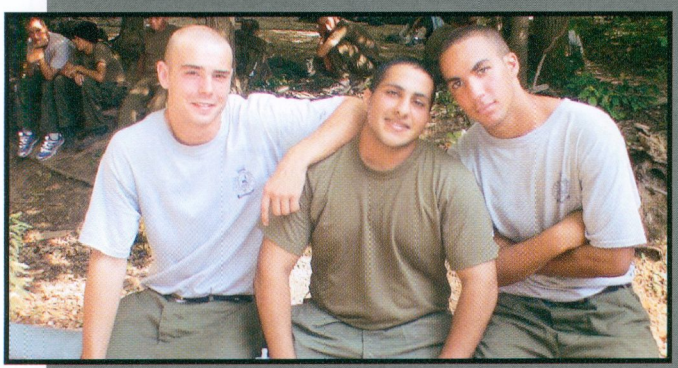

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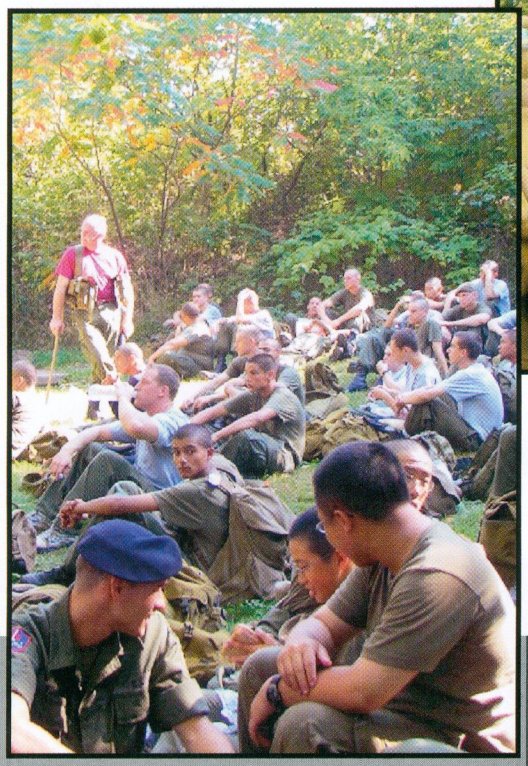
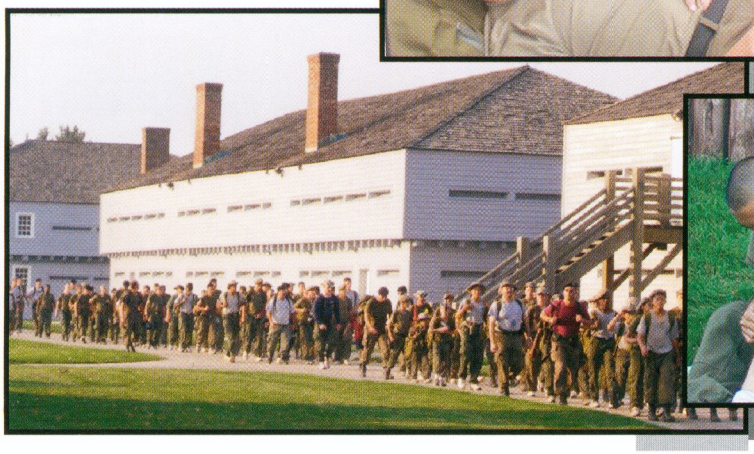
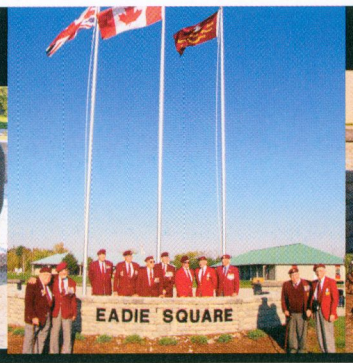






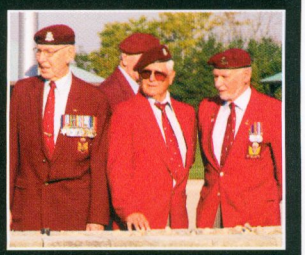
LEFT: Mrs. Eileen Eadie, wife of the late LCol Eadie, with sons Jim and Rob unveil the commemorative plaque during the dedication ceremony of Eadie Square. CENTER: Members of the 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion stand on the Eadie Square saluting base. RIGHT: Members of the Eadie family.

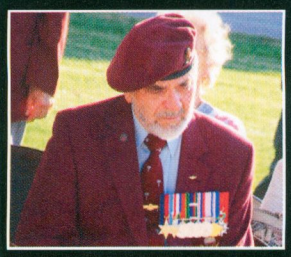
A Glimpse of History

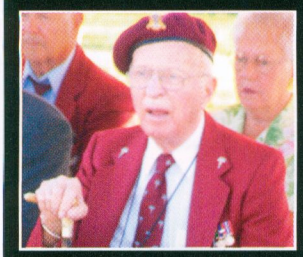
The Late Lieutenant Colonel Fraser Eadie was born in Winnipeg July 20, 1917. He worked with the Ford Motor Company in assignments across Canada and abroad. He retired from Ford after 46 years of service. LCol Eadie served overseas during World War II. His military service included command of the 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion during the war, bravely commanding in Europe through numerous fierce battles and campaigns. He earned many decorations throughout his military service including the Distinguished Service Order, the 1939-1945 Star, the France and Germany Star, Defense Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp, War Medal 1939-1945 and the American Silver Star.

LCol Eadie served as a Governor of Robert Land Academy during the years 1983-1989, many of these as Chairman of the Board. For many years prior to and following his tenure on the Board of Governors, he remained a close friend and supporter of the Academy.

Faces of the 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion







" In recognition of the contribution and selfless leadership provided by the Late Lieutenant Colonel Fraser Eadie, not only to this country but to Robert Land Academy, this parade square and newly constructed saluting base are dedicated to him and shall bear

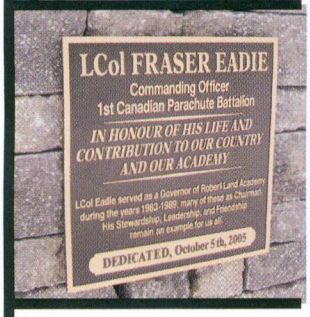
Dedication read by LCol Bowman
October 5, 2005.

PROMOTIONS

Every year for the past 27 years, the cadets and faculty of Robert Land Academy have given of themselves through their participation in the Academy's Fall Exercise. This year, the Fall Exercise comprised three days of hiking along the Bruce Trail during the period October 3-5, 2005. Starting at Kinsmen Park in Grimsby, Ontario, the cadets and faculty covered approximately 30 kilometers of the Bruce Trail and parts of the Short Hills Provincial Park on their first day, setting up camp for the night at Camp Wetaskiwin in St. Catharines. On day two, cadets and faculty covered approximately 30 kilometers, taking them again through parts of the Bruce Trail to an embussing point just below the Niagara Escarpment near Brock University. From here they were transported across the city of St. Catharines and the Welland Canal to Butler's Barracks in historic Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. From Butler's Barracks, members of the Academy marched the last two kilometers en masse, pulling the Academy cannon Courage, through the gates of Fort George and settling down for a night of well deserved rest. On the morning of the third day the Academy again marched en masse, pulling Courage, a further 10 kilometers along the Niagara Parkway toward Queenston Heights. Part way up the climb to Queenston Heights, the Academy stopped at the Redan Battery, overlooking the Niagara River, for a brief history lesson on the Battle of

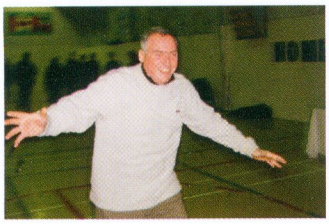
Following the history lesson, the Academy paid tribute to General Sir Isaac Brock and his fellow soldiers who were mortally wounded at this fateful battle by firing the Academy cannon. Again with cannon in tow, the Academy climbed the remaining meters of the Heights to the base of Brock's Monument.

Three days and over 70 kilometers later, the Academy Forms up for the final phase of the Fall Exercise, the Badging Parade. For those boys who joined the Academy in September, this parade marks their first opportunity for promotion from the rank of Recruit to Cadet.


LCol FRASER EADIE
Commanding Officer
1st Canadian Parachute Battalion
IN HONOUR OF HIS LIFE AND CONTRIBUTION TO OUR COUNTRY AND OUR ACADEMY
LCol Eadie served as a Governor of Robert Land Academy during the years 1983-1989, many of these as Chairman. His Stewardship, Leadership, and Friendship remain an example for us all.
DEDICATED, October 5th, 2005

TOP: Wartime photo of LCol Fraser Eadie taken in Germany.

BOTTOM: Bronze plaque prominently displayed on the corner stone of the saluting base of Eadie Square.



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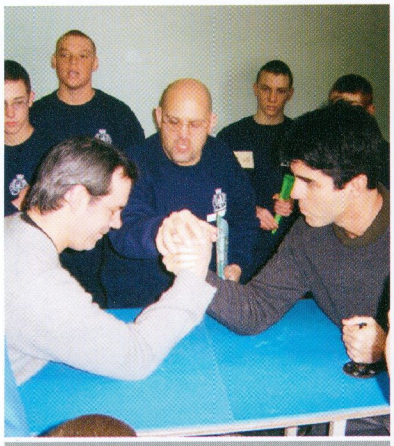
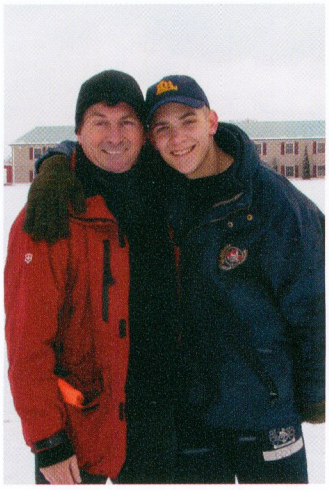
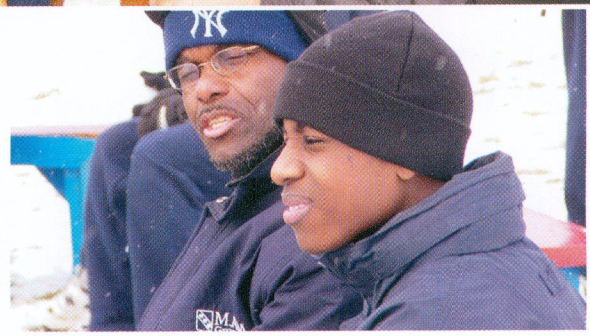
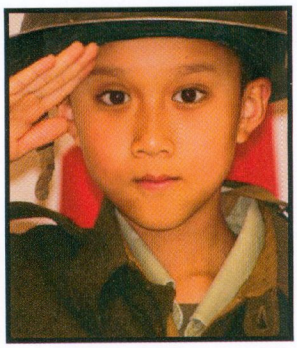




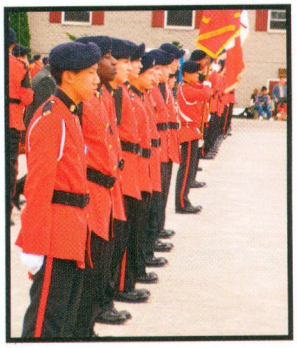
On a cold day in February fathers descended upon the Academy for hours of fun with their sons! Fathers and sons spent the day competing in uncanny events such as the pudding and hot dog eating contest, the kid bicycle event, and the tug-of-war, to name a few. When not competing, all participants enjoyed numerous cups of hot chocolate around the bonfire, or practiced for the drill competition.





In the Spring, the Academy comes alive with the Annual Inspection. This is the opportunity for parents, friends, and other invited guests to get a close up look and feel of how the Cadets of Robert Land Academy live, and to see first hand their achievements.

Academic, athletic, club, and barrack displays reflect the efforts of cadets throughout the year.



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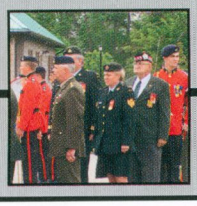

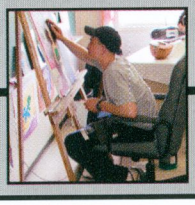

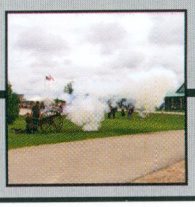

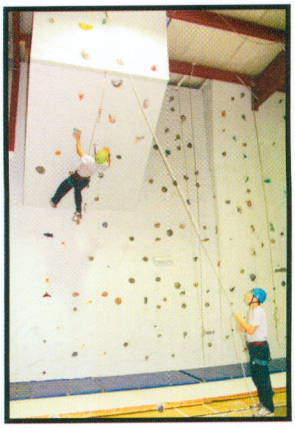

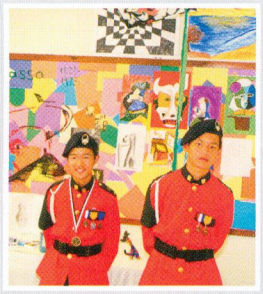

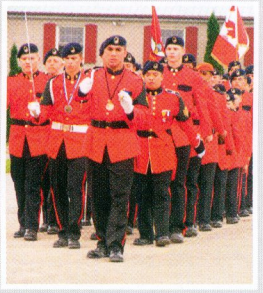

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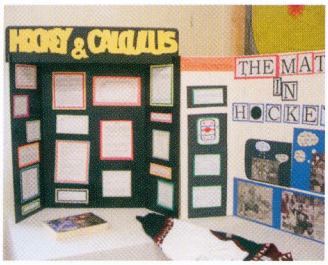

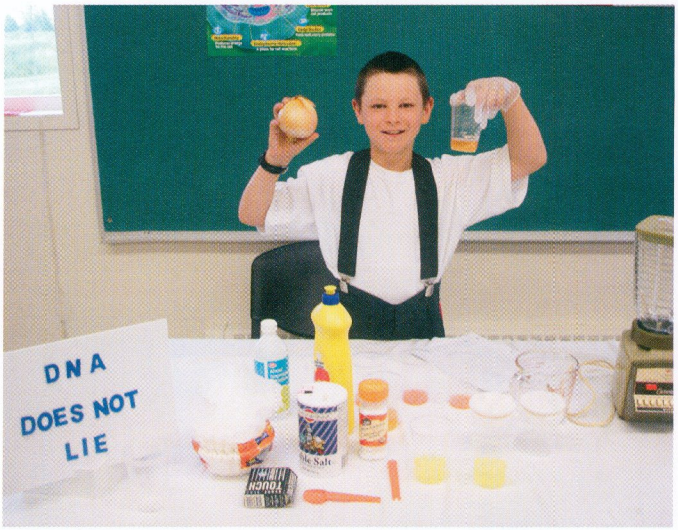

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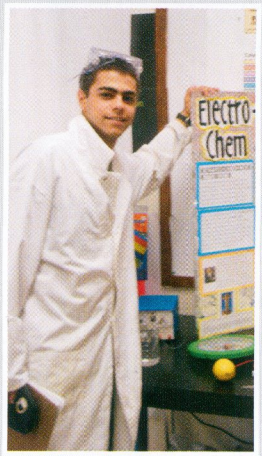
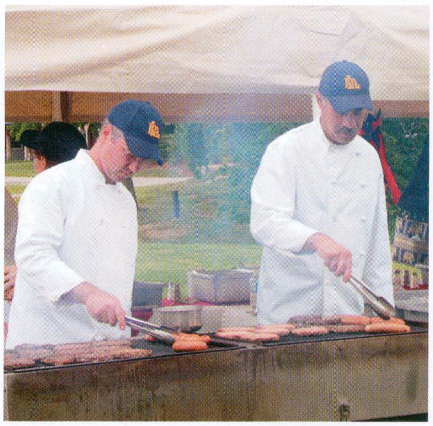


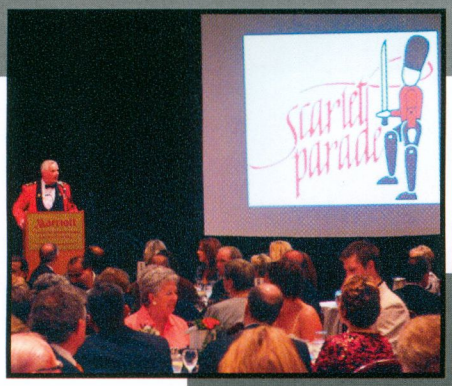


loyalty ~ labour ~ courage

commitment ~ honour

scarlet parade

Scarlet Parade is Robert Land Academy's annual black-tie gala fundrasing event. The function was attended by parents, alumni, invited guests and the entire cadet body. Held at the Toronto Marriott Eaton Centre Hotel, this year's gala raised funds for the Founder's Scholarship Fund.

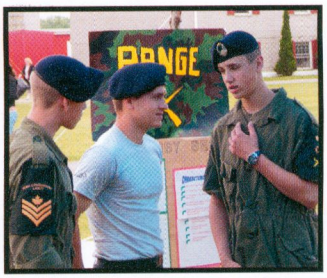


RCAC

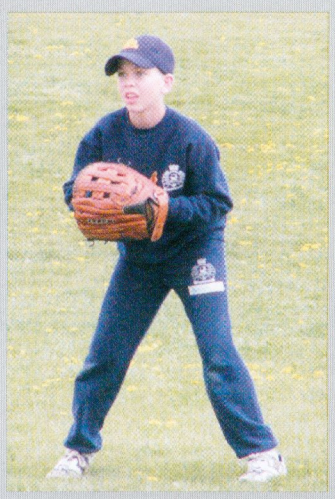
2968 Royal Canadian Cadet Corps (Army)

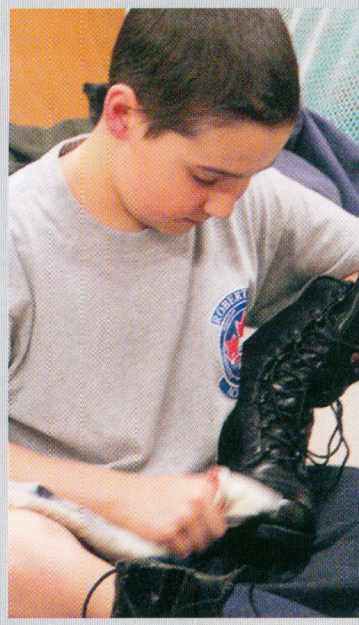
The Cadet Corps

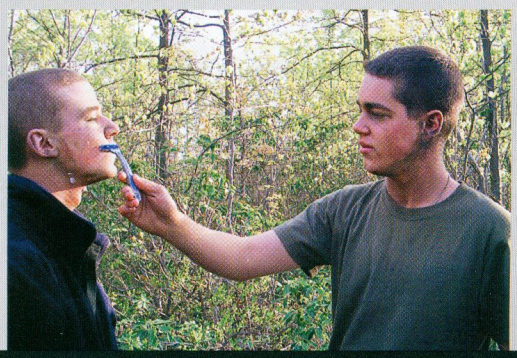
Robert Land Academy is the official sponsor of 2968 Royal Canadian Cadet Corps (Army). The cadet corps operates as a separate club at the Academy, and provides cadets the opportunity to learn basic military skills taught by the Cadet Instructor Cadre, part of the Canadian Forces. The Corps is also sponsored by two Canadian regiments, the 1st Battalion Royal Canadian Regiment, and the Lincoln & Welland Regiment.

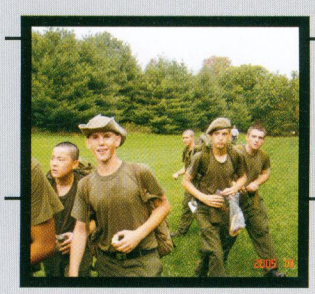


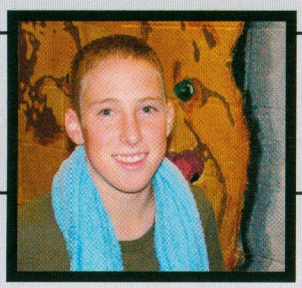
Members of the RCAC inspecting party include representatives from the Area Cadet Detachment (London), the Cadet Instructor Cadre (CIC), the Area Cadet League, Dunnville Legion Branch 142, and the Lincoln & Welland Regiment.

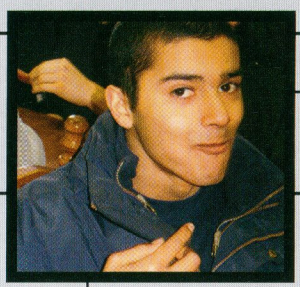


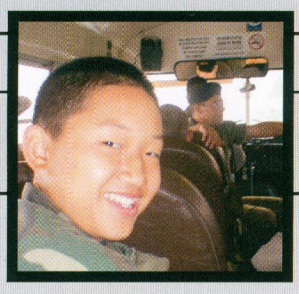




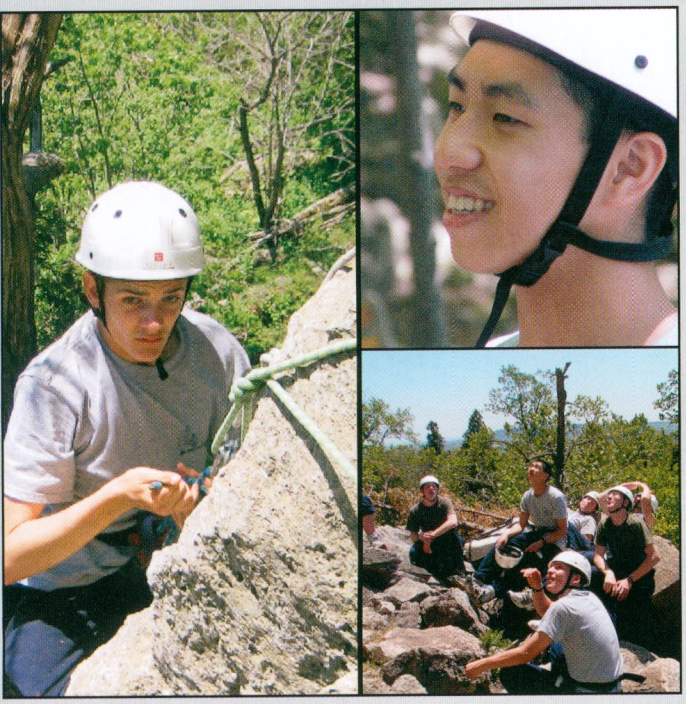






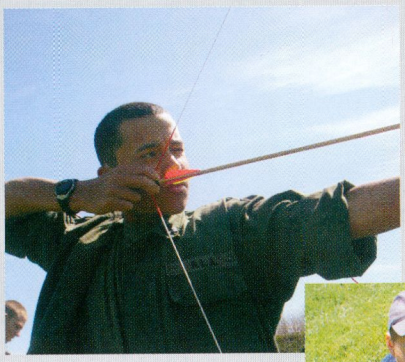


Climbing



CLUBS

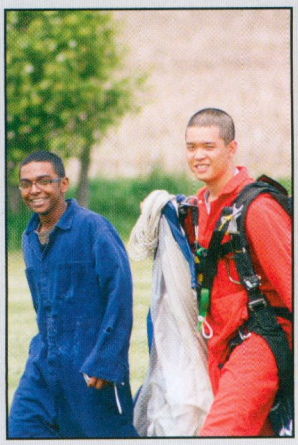
Robert Land Academy offers an active and healthy lifestyle for all of its students and staff alike. Clubs are a weekly routine which affords students an opportunity to participate in a chosen activity.



Archery

Multi-Media

Parachuting

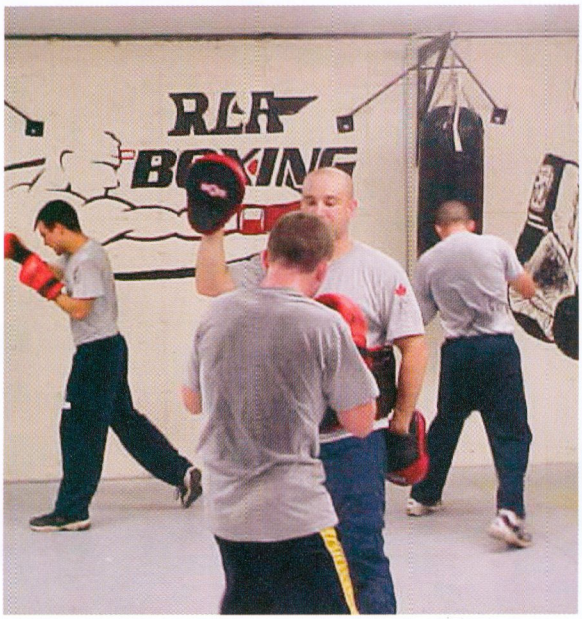


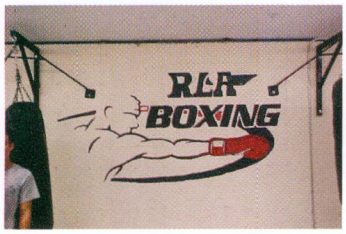
Marksmanship

CLUBS

2005 - 2006

BOXING





Active

Students choose from many fun & fit activities. Each club is supervised by qualified and experienced instructors.

Activities

Boxing - Weight Lifting - Climbing - Strategic Games - Multi-Media - Hockey - Archery - Running - Marksmanship - Parachuting - Mountain Biking

Healthy

Scuba

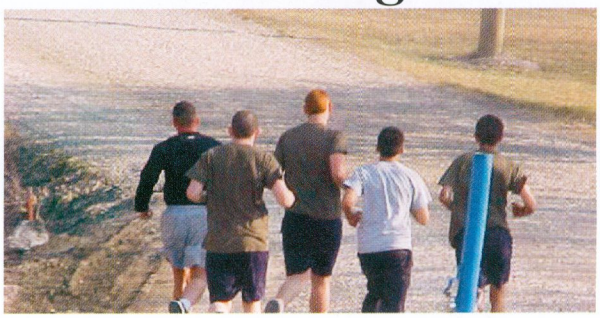
Weight Lifting

Hockey

MIND
BODY
Spirit

Mountain Biking

Running



Thinking

Students' minds are kept active and alert. Seen here, Lt. Aoki is supervising the Strategic Games club.

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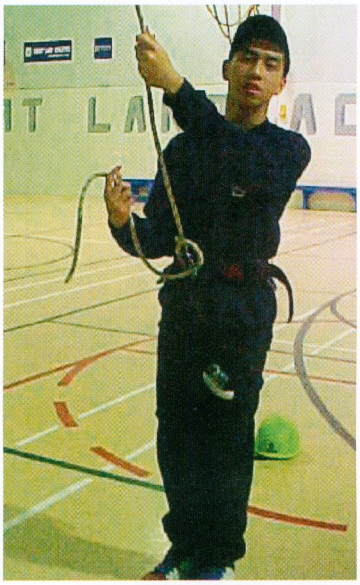

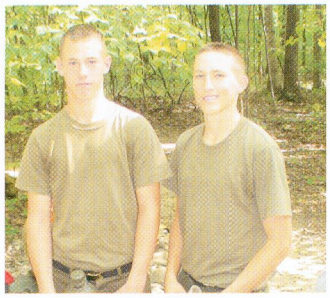

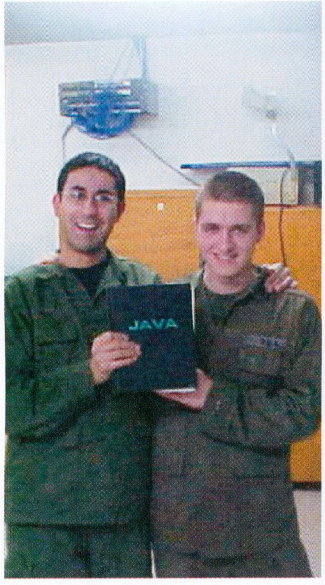
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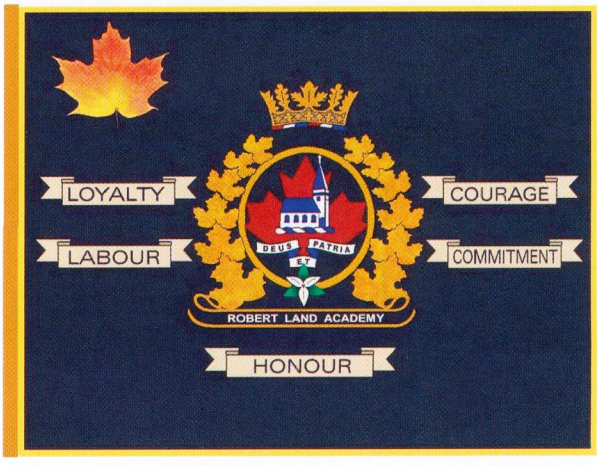
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HONOUR

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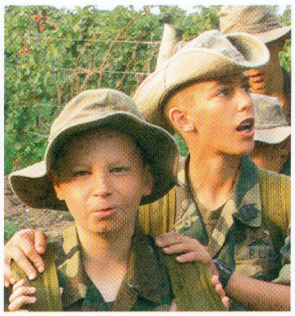

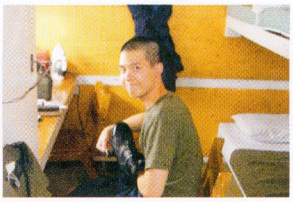

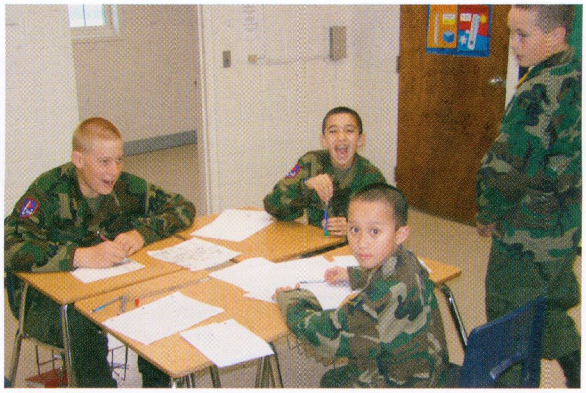

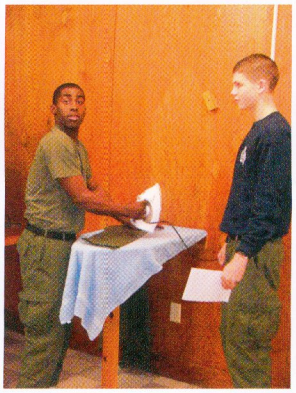

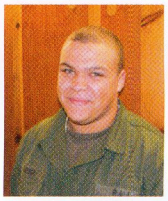

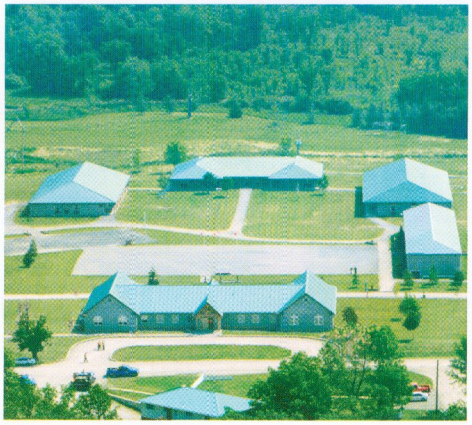

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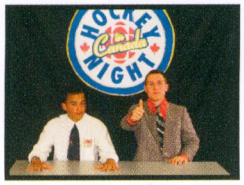
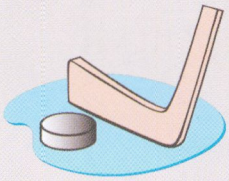


Hockey

Back Row: 2Lt. Frost (coach), J. Hwang, A. Detora, E. Giezen, C. Mitchell, M. Fownes, Lt. Servos (coach), Lt. Whyte (coach)
Front Row: D. Shresta, M. Keaney, A. Nye, R. McClellan, E. Julian, R. Dhillon



Soccer

Back Row: Lt. Dugas (coach), C. Mitchell, S. Gill, A. Lynch, P. Bryson, J. Lee, E. Giezen, A. Boyd, T. Head, M. Abdullah, E. Wang, Lt. Whyte (coach)
Front Row: M. Keaney, A. Jakimtschuk, A. Detora, A. Nye, J. Robertson, A. Wong, K. Chung, O. Jennings

MVP Sports Awards

Jr. Basketball
Omar Jennings

Sr. Basketball
Erik Giezen

Hockey
Jason Bergatt

Rugby
Dorjee Shrestha

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Track & Field
Stefan Nadeau

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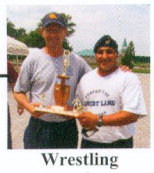

Wrestling
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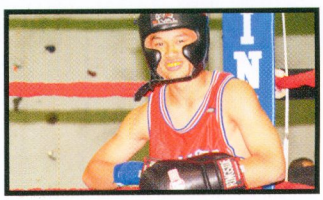
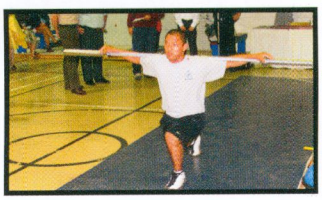


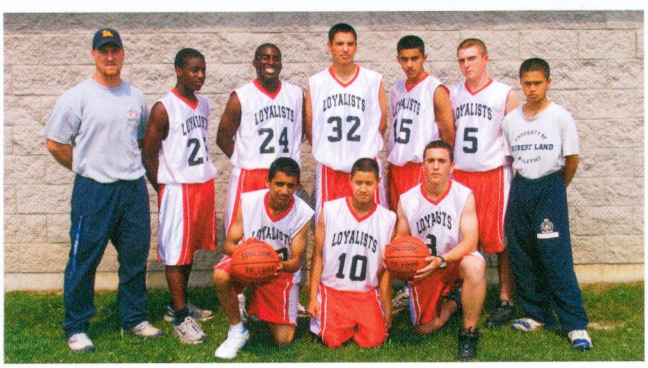


Volleyball

Back Row: Lt. Banta (coach), S. Gosselin, A. Jakimtschuk, T. Head, E. Giezen, M. Talbot, C. Mitchell, A. Detora, A. Lynch, Lt. Whyte (coach)
Front Row: E. Wang, A. Middleton, D. Shrestha, K. Latendorf, J. Bergatt, H. Leung

Wrestling

Back Row: Lt. Brown (coach), J. Morrison, A. Mendoza-Baez, E. Horkoff, C. Eastwood-Miles, A. Nye, C. Klassen, M. Judge, J. Hwang, Lt. Simmons (coach), Lt. Kingsbury (coach)
Front Row: P. Poon, N. Omar, J. Lee, K. Chung, S. Gill



Junior Basketball

Back Row: Lt. Whyte (coach), T. Manning, A. Jennings,. J. Al Amry, A. Jakimtschuk, M. Keaney, K. Chung
Front Row: Z. Samdani, T. Yu, K. Latendorf

Senior Basket Ball

Back Row: Lt. Whyte (coach), D. Culjak, J. Harnett, A. DeTora, E. Giezen, C. Stark, C. Mitchell, P. Massey
Front Row: T. Head, R. Dhillon, A. Wong, J. Bergatt, J. Wang

Track & Field

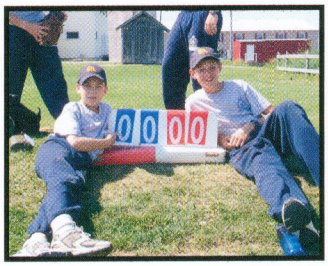
Back Row: M. Diosy, A. Bacchus, T. Head, C. Jennings, Lt. Banta (coach)
Front Row: T. Manning, A. Dyment

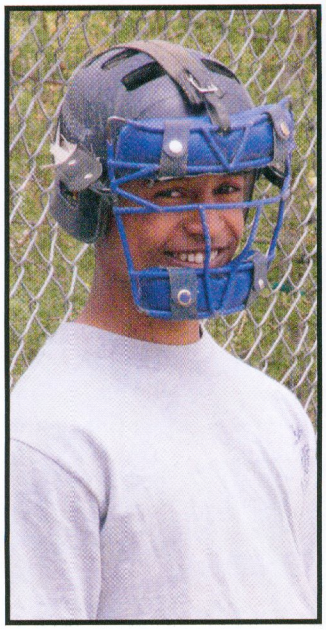
Rugby

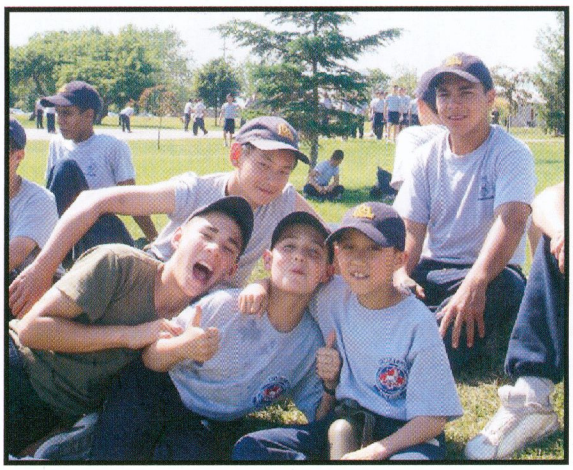
Back Row: CSM Routery (coach), P. Bryson, C. Klaassen, C. Bissett, T. Braidwood, N. Meyerman, G. Leitch, B. Toth, K. Peters, N. Omar, D. Shrestha, K. Latendorf, Lt. Prodger (coach)
Front Row: D. Sherman, M. Rutten, J. Al Amry, J. Doyle, E. Julian, A. Nye, J. Judge, M. Dallas-Peterson, L. Smith

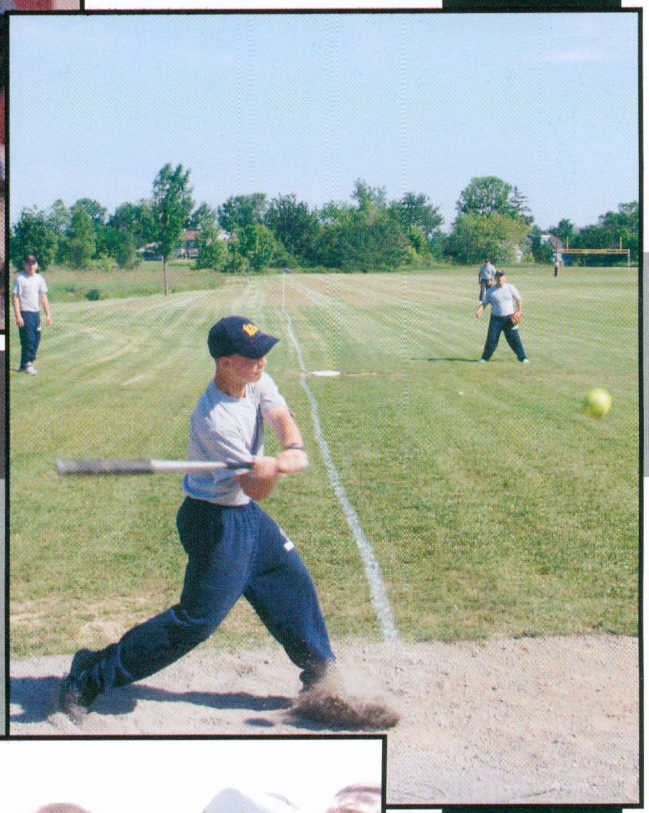
Cross Country

Back Row: R. McKay, E. Horkoff, C. Eastwood-Miles, P. Bryson, T. Head, E. Giezen, N. Meyerman, Lt. Banta (coach)
Front Row: A. Mendoza-Baez, Y. Wu, L. Smith









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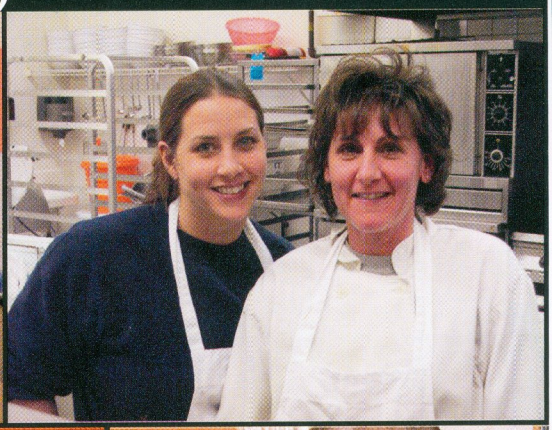
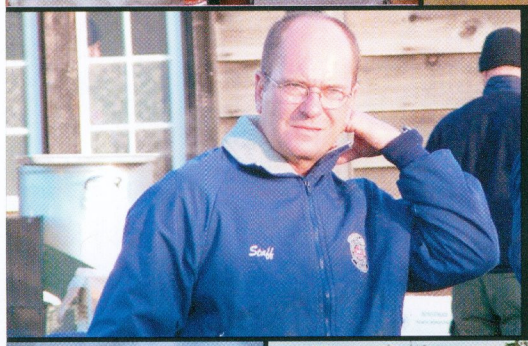

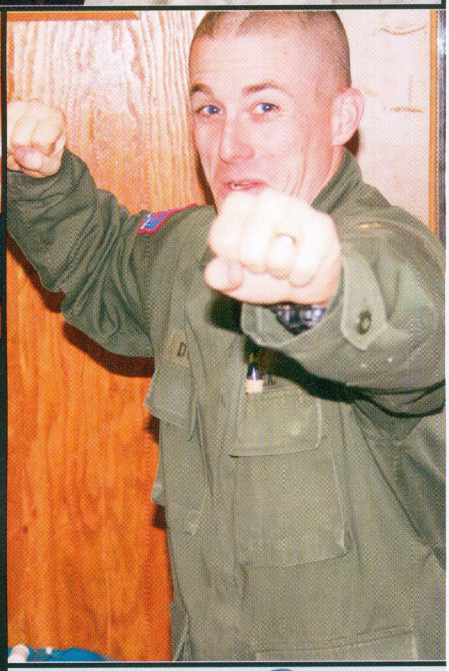

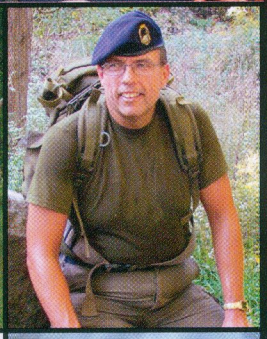

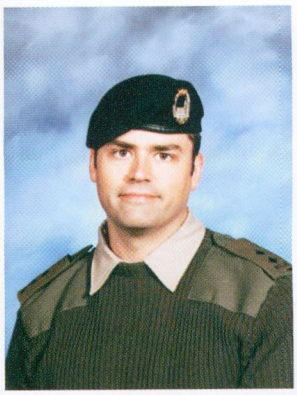

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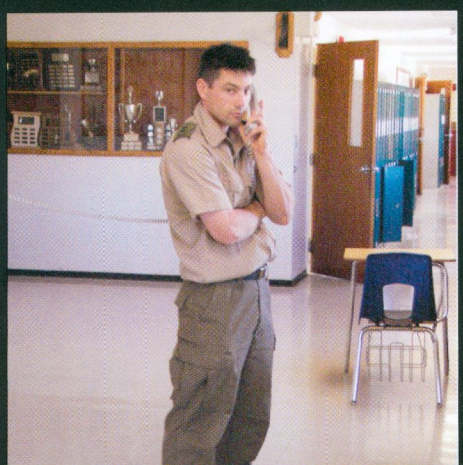

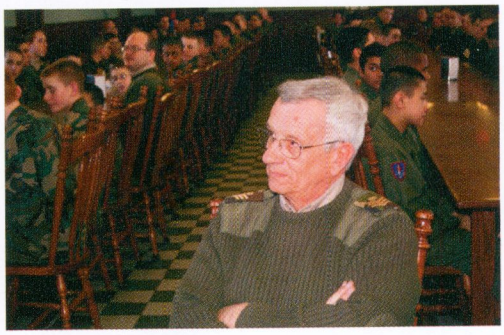

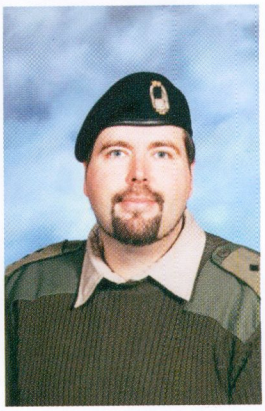

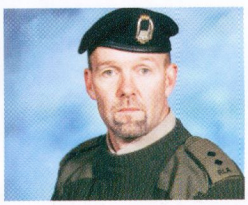

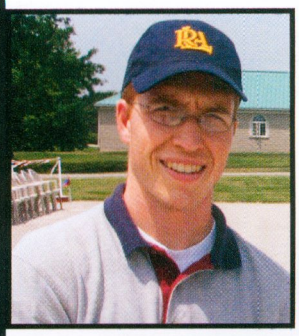

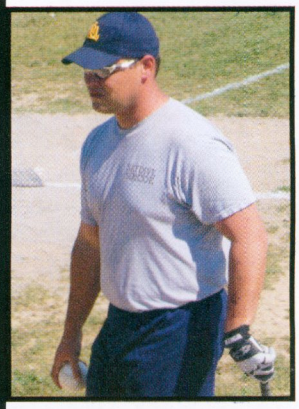

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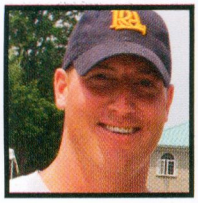

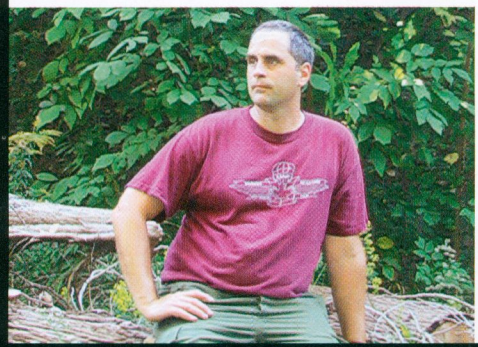

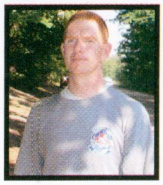

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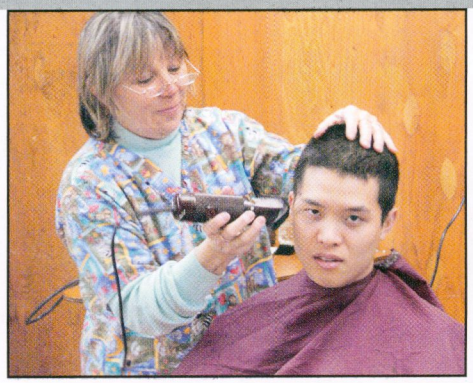
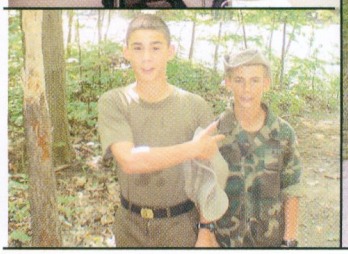
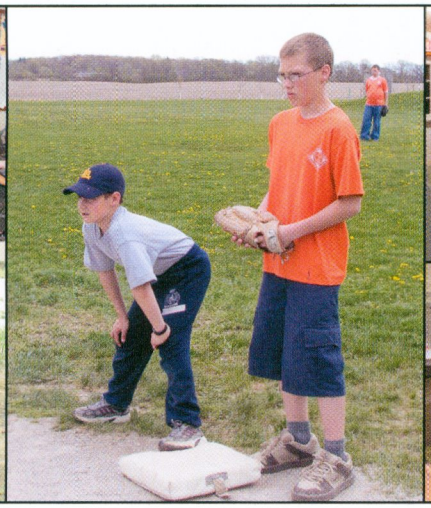
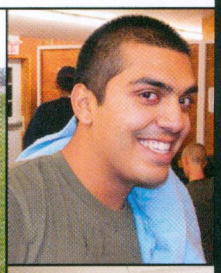
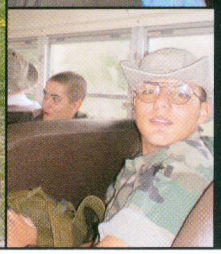
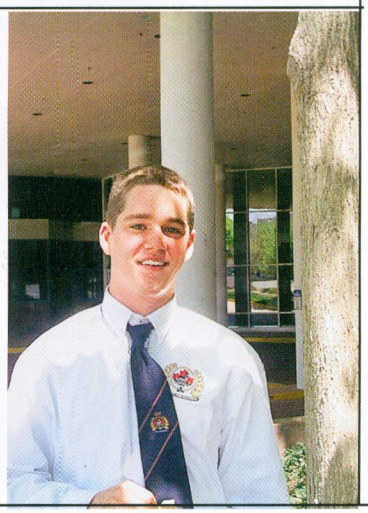




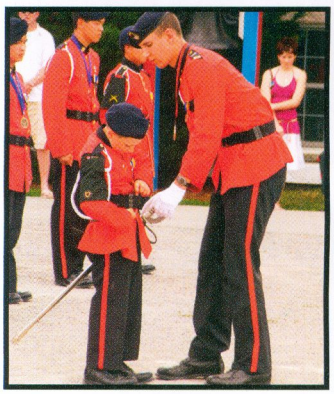








Graduation - Honour Parade



VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

Master Corporal Mohammed Abdullah

Good afternoon Col. Bowman, members of the Board, faculty members, honoured guests, fellow cadets and caring family members. This is the greatest honour that has been bestowed upon me. I stand here today to speak on behalf of the graduating class of 2006, and share with everyone, our view of Robert Land Academy now that we stand victorious after achieving one of the biggest milestones of our lives – graduating high school!!!

Robert Land Academy to us is not simply a private military school – it is a microcosm of the world based on the principles of life. The Academy is where we have been given the opportunity to grow into responsible men with morals and values. We have been given the opportunity to achieve both the success and failures that life offers. We have been given the opportunity to work towards learning the importance of a purposeful life. The philosopher Frederick Nietzsche claims, "He who has a 'why' to live for, will bear any 'how'." Robert Land Academy has challenged each and every one of us, whether we liked it or not – as life will – whether we like it or not. In overcoming the challenges, we have been given the opportunity to gain a sense of self-worth. This provides any individual, the confidence to achieve the 'hows' of life that Nietzsche speaks of.

The challenges of Robert Land Academy offer opportunity to grow both mentally and physically. We have the choice to fail or we have the choice to succeed. The choice is not staff's; the choice is not our parent's; the choice is ours, and ours alone. The Fall Exercise is the most conspicuous example of a physical challenge. This 90KM march, which most want to quit 9KMs in, offers each cadet the chance to evaluate his own character, limit and potential. The physical pain, mental exhaustion and sometimes a directionally challenged section officer, provide us with every painful step, the opportunity to quit. To say, "No, I am stopping here. This is too hard!" However, when we do not quit, when we take painful step after painful step and finish, we learn something about ourselves that we had never known: that we are capable of conquering adversity. This seemingly insurmountable 90 km journey sets the foundation of self-discipline and self respect that we will build on for the rest of the year. The Fall Exercise, in its purpose, nurtures our self-esteem, builds our confidence and gives us huge blisters.

The day-to-day routine of Robert Land Academy, in itself, challenges each cadet mentally. Attending Robert Land Academy means days without home – a home we learn to appreciate. It means waiting for home. It means having to leave home to return. This is another opportunity to test our internal fortitude. The most gratifying aspect of living in this microcosm is helping fellow students. No matter how much we sometimes dislike this place – and there are several times that we do – no one can deny that it feels good to influence another individual into making a decision that will positively influence his life. And as we stand here on graduation day on this parade square – that we know so well – that we have marched on in the light of day, in the dark of night, in the blistering heat and in the frost of winter, we have the opportunity to leave this Academy and take with us our understanding of making others' lives better. Our future should be about making better families, better citizens and by extension, a better world.

The success of ours would not be possible without the staff of Robert Land Academy . In particular, ASM Zahra and the CSMs have helped me by being persistently firm and have inspired me to work to higher standards. Captain Milliken has been like a father figure, who on a daily basis has guided me through difficult times. DSM Robinson, my first CSM, who taught me the standards by which to succeed, has set the stepping stones of my career at Robert Land Academy . I would like to thank all the teachers – who have stayed after the days was done to tutor, who have come in on weekends, and who have patiently explained lessons over and over so that we can graduate today.

Being a graduate, I would naturally want to thank those teachers who have guided me through to graduation. Lt. Simmons for being the comedian he is and making a boring history class the most exciting hour and a half of the day. Dr. Brown for acting like a heartless university professor and for trying – in vain – to teach me the art of brevity. I would like to thank Lt Erola my adopted father at the Academy for being realistic in his evaluation of my character. 2Lt. Dugas for being so patient with me during Data Management, and never losing faith. Lt. Whyte for making an athlete out of me – which is a miracle – and for pushing me through para training and pushing me out of the plane. I would also like to thank the kitchen staff and maintenance for making our lives more comfortable. Finally, I would like to thank Col. Bowman the founder of the Academy, for creating an environment that gives young men a second chance, when so many other institutions had given up on us. I have been privileged to call Robert Land Academy home away from home for the past 17 months. Because of his creation I have met lifetime friends like M/Cpl Omar , L/Cpl Ali, L/Cpl Bergatt, L/Cpl Hwang, M/Cpl Klaassen, & D/Bar Belov. I could not leave today without thanking our parents and family members. In many cases we put them in the difficult position of having to send their sons to this lonely spot. We must acknowledge the courage that is required to steel the heart, and jettison a part of them away to face life's challenges. On behalf of all cadets of Robert Land Academy , I thank you for your support, patience and love.

As my final words I would like to request every one present here today to not clap for me but for my father – for never losing faith and confidence in his son no matter how many times I ran around. Thank you Baba, thank you Ma, thank you APU, thank you Robert Land Academy, God bless you all!

Accomplishment

HONOUR ROLL

Marks 80% and Above

Yaseen Ali
Darren Au
Armand Bacchus
Alan Balfe
Ian Beattie
Andrew Belov
Austin Boyd
Thomas Braidwood
Alex Briell
Cavan Cai
Justin Chan
Matthew Chandler
Raymond Chau
Anthony Detora
Bob Dhillon
Rumdeep Dhillon
Jacob Duerksen
Nicholas Gegan
Sebastien Gosselin
Jason Hwang
William Judge
Jone Kim
Justin Lee
Tyler Manning
Jimmy Morrison
Alexander Nye
Hunter Parrish
Samuel Peyser
Graham Seymour
Jacky Tam
James Tam
Bradley Toth
Zackery Toth
Andy Wong
Justin Wong
Rabee Younes

MARKS OF DISTINCTION

Marks 75% - 79%

Mohammed Abdullah
Jamal Al Amry
Michael Ball
Calvin Bissett
Kai Hei Chung
Spencer Davis
Andrew Devine
Erik Giezen
Frank Huang
Michael Keaney
Christopher Klaassen
Daniel Kupnicki
Hu-Yan Leung
Ross McKay
Andrew Mendoza Baez
Connor Mitchell
David Payne
Damien Phelan
Evan Pyndus
Tyler Relyea
Dennis Sherman
Cyrus Wathey
Justin Wysocki

JUNIOR ATHLETIC AWARD
Cdt Nicholas McKeon
D/Bar Justin Wysocki

ROBERT LAND ACADEMY EXPLORERS AWARD
Bar Jesse Lee
D/Bar Damien Phelan

JUNIOR ENGLISH CREATIVE WRITING AWARD
Cdt Graham Seymour

JUNIOR ENGLISH LITERACY AWARD
Bar James Rodger

BARKERS'S BOOT / FROUDE'S FOOT HARD CORE RIFLE DRILL AWARD
D/Bar Toby (Kai Sing) Ng
Bar Andrew Ward

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD
L/Cpl Yaseen Ali

BAND MASTER'S AWARD
M/Bar Raymond (Huang) Chau

CADENCE AWARD
M/Cpl Adrian Fournier

MUSKETRY AWARD
Bar Daniel Kupnicki

CREATIVE WRITING AWARD / BOHDAN CIRCA
Cdt. Sebastien Gosselin

FRENCH BOOK PRIZE
Cdt. Gabriel Marcoux – Junior

CANADIAN FORESTERS' AWARD

Sergeant Bob Dhillon

ROBERT LAND TROPHY

Master Corporal Mohammed Abdullah

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S AWARD

Barman Rabee Younes

W.L. HAWKINS AWARD

Leading Barman Hunter Parrish

AWARDS

HISTORY BOOK PRIZE
Bar Alexander Zeballos – Intermediate
L/Cpl Yaseen Ali – Senior

SENIOR SCIENCE BOOK PRIZE
Cpl Christopher Eastwood-Miles

SENIOR MATHEMATICS PRIZE
D/Bar Justin Lee

EUCLID COMPETITION
Cdt Darren Au

VISUAL ARTS PRIZE
Bar Cavan (Zichong) Cai – Junior
D/Bar Thomas Yu – Intermediate
Bar Jay Huang – Senior

WELLAND PRINTING ARTS BURSARY
L/Cpl Karl Latendorf

CENTAURI ARTS
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Cpl Kai Hei (Roy) Chung

SENIOR ENGLISH BOOK PRIZE
L/Cpl Yaseen Ali

SENIOR COMPUTER SCIENCE
BOOK PRIZE
L/Cpl Zachery Toth

ROYAL BANK SENIOR BUSINESS AND
COMMERCE PRIZE
D/Bar Andrew Belov

BILLY BISHOP AWARD
D/Bar Gregory Joyce

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
DUNVILLE BRANCH 142
BURSARY / RCAC SERVICE AWARD
Bar Amand Bacchus

TIM RIGBY
ESPRIT DE CORPS AWARD
D/Bar Justin Wysocki

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR
INTERMEDIATE CREATIVE WRITING
Bar Daniel Kupnicki

PAUL HUNTER
GOLD CITIZENSHIP AWARD
L/Cpl Zachery Toth

LARRY DAVIDSON
MEMORIAL AWARD
Cdt Tyler Manning

JOHN HAY TO LIFE AWARD
Cpl Kai Hei (Roy) Chung

AMSCUS AWARD
M/Cpl Adrian Fournier

CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP AWARD
Sgt. Bob (Bhavendeep) Dhillon

JAMES FITZGIBBON AWARD

Leading Barman Frank Huang

ISAAC BROCK AWARD

Master Barman Raymond Chau

COLIN SMAGATA CUP

Leading Barman Hunter Parish

SERGEANT'S MAJOR AWARD

Barman Philip Massey

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Double Barman Gregory Joyce

LT. GOV.'S COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER AWARD
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PRINCIPAL'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Corporal Roy Chung

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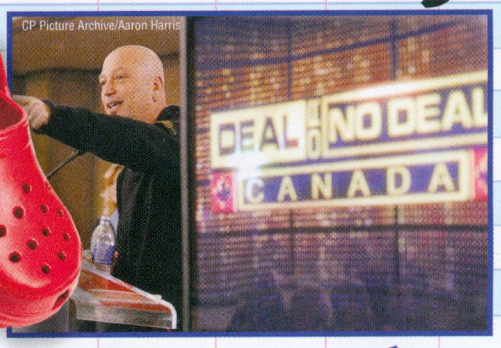

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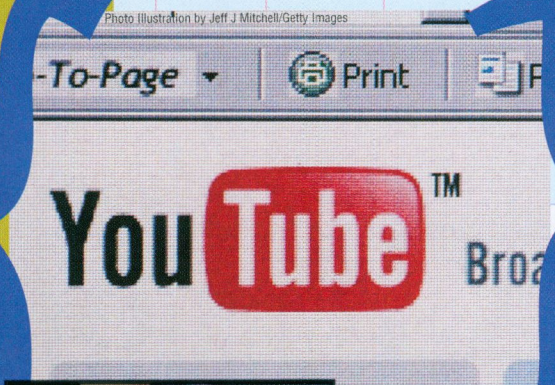

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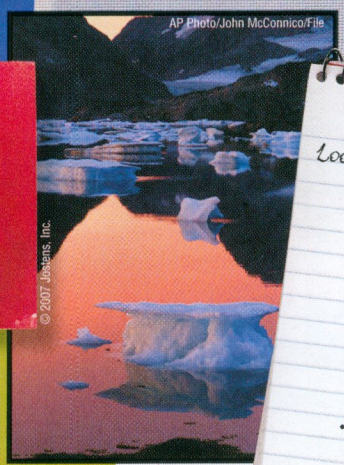

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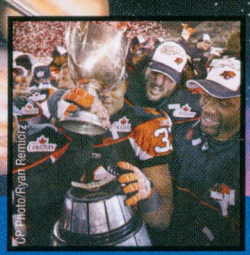

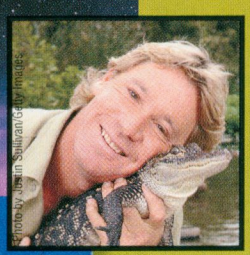

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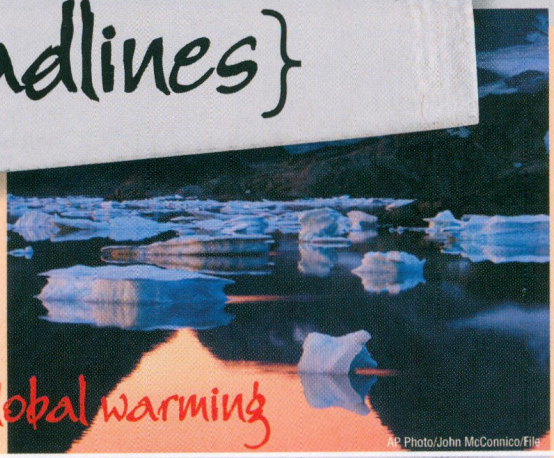
▲ Newsrooms from around the country select The Canadian Soldier as Newsmaker of the Year. The number of Canadian soldiers who have served in Afghanistan is fast approaching 10,000. As of January 2007, 44 Canadian soldiers have been killed there since 2002.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Global warming

▶ With the rapid melting of polar ice caps, a season of alarming tropical storms and record-breaking heat waves, global warming becomes a present-day global emergency.

Biker massacre in Ontario

CP Photo/Steve Martin

▶ Police vehicles block off an area in Sheddon, Ontario where eight men linked to the Bandido motorcycle club were found dead on April 8, 2006. Eight people have been charged and security is tight as the trial begins in London, Ontario.

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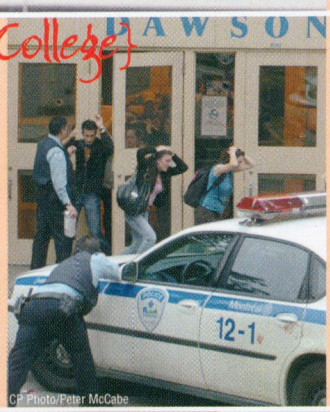
Google™

▲ The Internet search giant Google pays $1.65 billion for the wildly popular YouTube video-sharing service.

{Dawson College}



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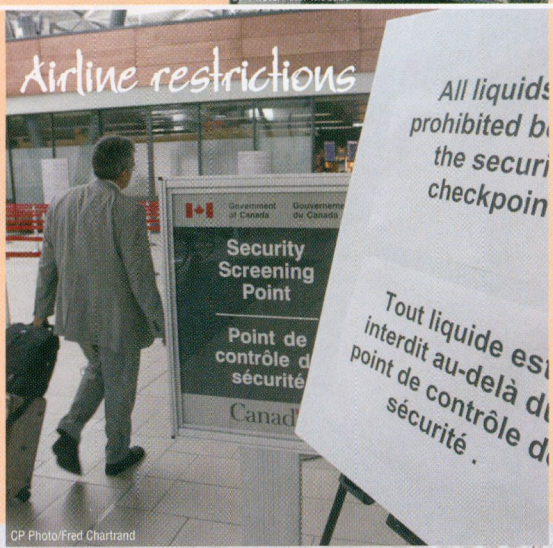
▶ Police evacuate students during a shooting incident at Dawson College in Montreal on September 13, 2006. The deadly exchange took the life of one young woman, injured 19 students and ended with the gunman taking his own life.

9/11 {Fifth anniversary}

Canadian Press

◀ Wednesday, September 11, 2006 marked the fifth anniversary of 9/11. The names of 24 Canadians who perished in the attacks were solemnly read aloud as mourners gathered and honoured them with moments of silence.

Airline restrictions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Point de contrôle de sécurité
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CP Photo/Fred Chartrand

▶ Canadian travelers at airports faced heightened security after authorities foiled a terrorist plot to blow up aircraft headed to the U.S. from the United Kingdom, resulting in restrictions on liquids, aerosols and gels.

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Travel advisory?

Hundreds of mourners pay their respects to 19-year-old Adam DePrisco of Woodbridge, Ontario who died in January while on vacation in Acapulco. A string of incidents involving Canadian tourists in Mexico has prompted calls for the Canadian government to issue a travel advisory but Foreign Affairs has to-date only issued a travel report.

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Stephane Dion elected

Stephane Dion celebrates his victory as the new leader of the Liberal Party of Canada on December 2, 2006 in Montreal.

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- Converse
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- Motorola

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Bobby Shriver and U2's Bono launch the stylish (PRODUCT) RED initiative to raise money for The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in Africa.

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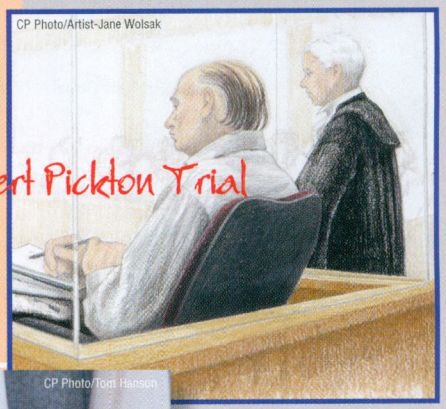
The Canadian Food Inspection Agency advised consumers not to eat bagged spinach from the U.S. Although Canada did not report any fatalities, three deaths in the U.S. were attributed to deadly E. coli bacteria.



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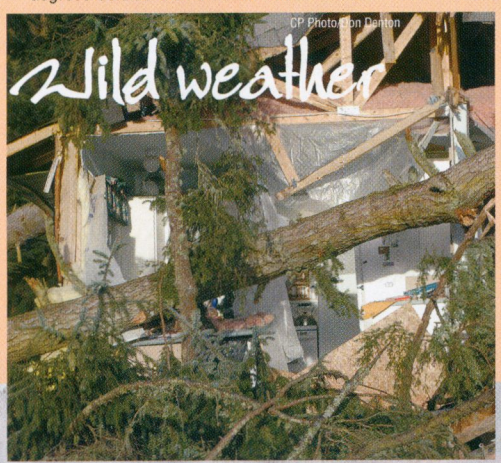
Robert Pickton Trial

The first trial begins for B.C. pig farmer and accused serial killer Robert Pickton, charged with the murders of 26 women from Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.

Strong winds gusting up to 115 km/hour felled trees, damaged homes and left over 250,000 people without power on the south coast of British Columbia in December. In Manitoba, temperatures in February dipped to -50 degrees Celsius with the wind chill.



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Wild weather

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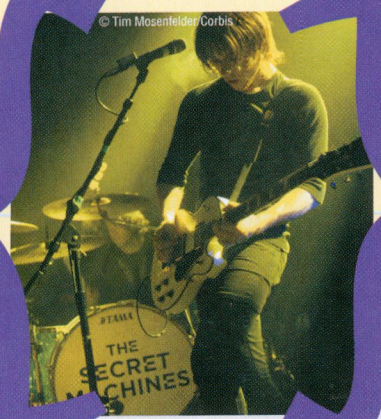
Maher Arar receives an apology from Prime Minister Stephen Harper and a $10.5 million settlement on January 26, 2007. Arar, a Canadian engineer born in Syria, was wrongfully deported back to Syria in 2002 where he was imprisoned and tortured.

Maher Arar

{Global}



▲ MySpace.com galvanizes celebrities and organizes more than 20 Rock for Darfur concerts to raise funds for what the U.N. calls "the world's greatest humanitarian crisis."

List of bands:

- Switchfoot
- Citizen Cope
- Ziggy Marley
- Teddy Seizer
- Insane Clown Posse
- Jars of Clay
- Secret Machines
- Alice in Chains
- TV on the Radio
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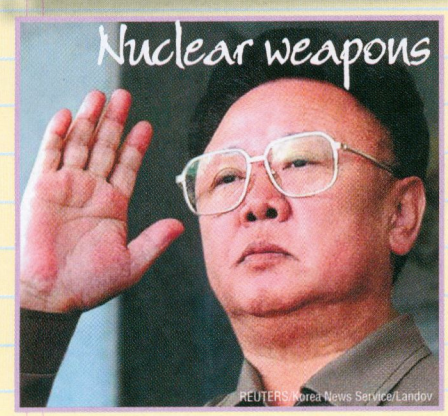
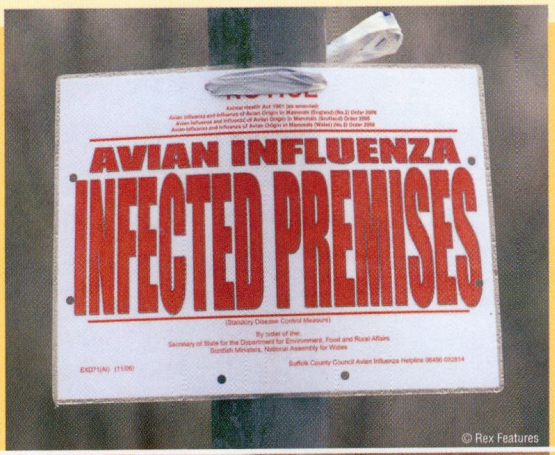
- Atreyu

Nuclear weapons



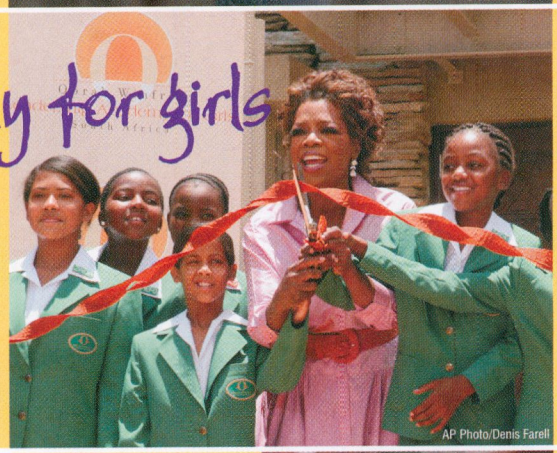
Bird flu

▶ Russia and Japan ban British poultry imports after an outbreak of the deadly strain is found on a farm in Suffolk, England. Workers wearing protective suits and masks crated 160,000 turkeys to be destroyed.



Academy for girls

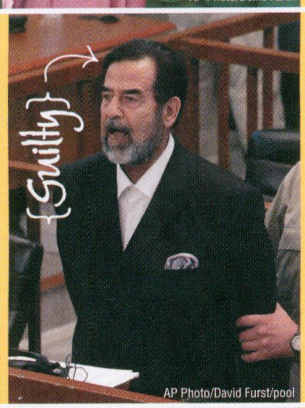
▶ Oprah Winfrey opens her $40 million Leadership Academy for Girls in the deprived small town of Henley-on-Klip, south of Johannesburg, South Africa.



Russian spy

▶ Saddam Hussein is sentenced to death and executed by the Iraq Special Tribunal for the 1982 murder of 148 Shiite inhabitants of Dujail.

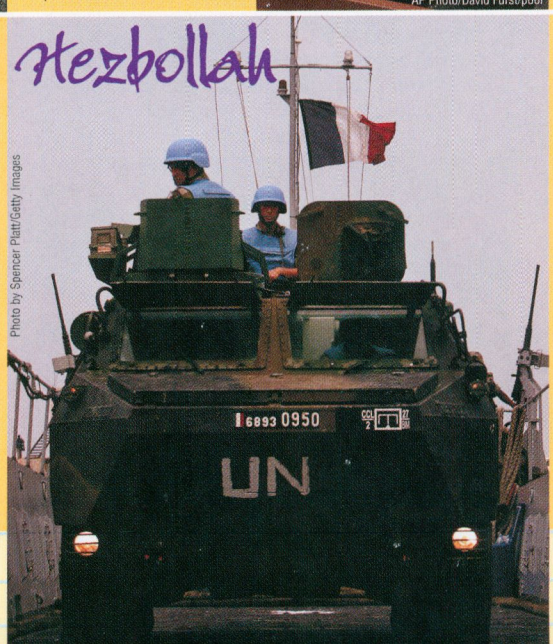
◀ Former KGB agent Alexander Litvinenko, an outspoken critic of Russian President Vladimir Putin, dies in London after being poisoned by radioactive polonium-210.



Hezbollah

▶ Hezbollah, the Lebanon-based Islamic militia, attacks Israeli military positions and border villages, beginning a conflict that claims more than 1,400 lives, mostly civilians. U.N. peacekeepers are called in to broker a cease-fire.

◀ In October 2006, North Korean leader Kim Jong Il orders the country's first nuclear weapon test. During the Six-Party Talks in February 2007, North Korea agrees to a nuclear disarmament.



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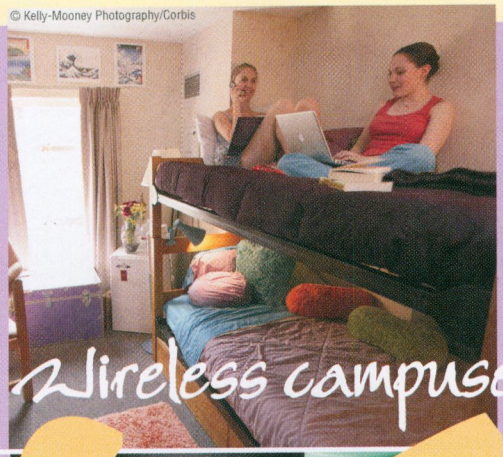

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Wireless campuses

University and college campuses - even in small towns like Hanna, Alberta - are embracing wireless technology. But at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, ON, administrators decided against installing wireless Internet citing health and safety concerns. Lakehead is believed to be the only major educational institution in Canada to have taken such a strong step against the technology.

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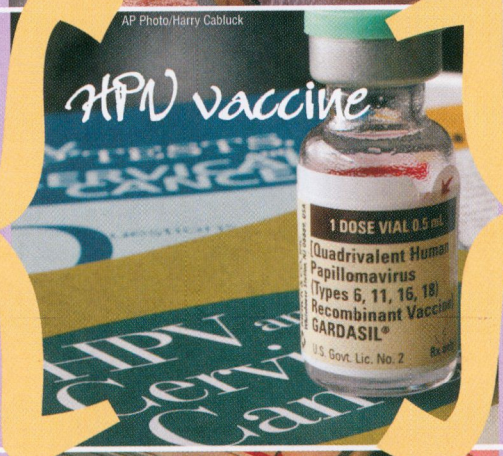
▲ A handheld, portable electronic zit zapper called Zeno is released to authorized medical practitioners and skin care specialists across Canada for the treatment of mild to moderate acne.



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HPV vaccine

Health Canada approved a vaccine to prevent cervical cancer and other diseases caused by the human papilloma virus (HPV). This year in Canada, nearly 1,400 new cases of cervical cancer are expected and approximately 390 women will die from the disease.

The World Wide Web reaches a milestone when an Internet research survey reports that there are more than 100 million websites online.

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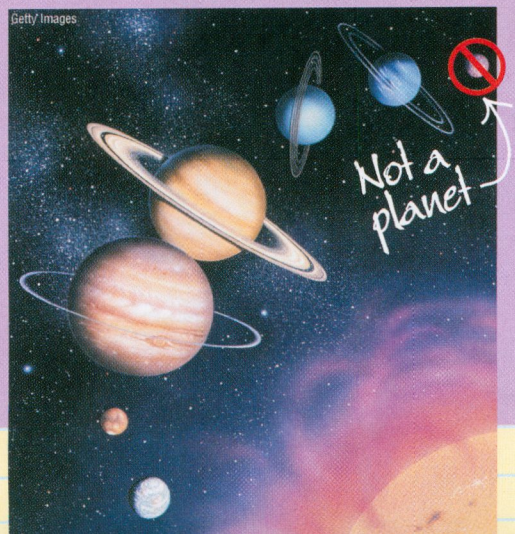
Zero gravity

A team of French doctors surgically removes a benign tumor on a patient in a specially adapted aircraft that mimics zero gravity conditions.

▼ After years of heated debate, astronomers decide to change the definition of a planet; Pluto no longer qualifies. Instead, it's reclassified as a dwarf planet.



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▲ Conjoined twins, Krista and Tatiana Hogan were successfully delivered by a team of 16 doctors and nurses at Women's Hospital in Vancouver, B.C. on October 25th. In February, the twins' mother, Felicia and the girls made an appearance on the Tyra Banks show with two other American families with conjoined twins. No decision has been made yet on whether the twins will be separated.

Top 10 clothing websites:

1. ae.com
2. abercrombie.com
3. oldnavy.com
4. pacsun.com
5. urbanoutfitters.com
6. llbean.com
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10. torrid.com

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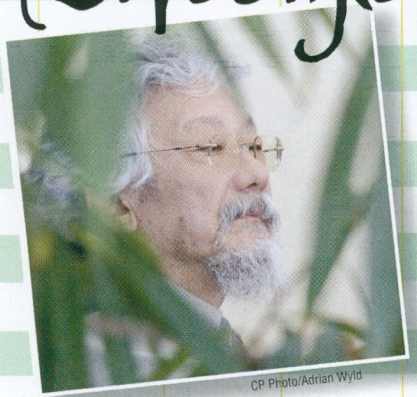
{Lifestyle}



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▲ Bill C-288 was presented and passed in February and requires the minority Conservative government to respect Canada's Kyoto commitments. Canadian environmentalist, author and broadcaster David Suzuki stated there was no need for opposition politicians to force the issue, as Canada was bound, as an international signatory, to abide by Kyoto.

Diabetes on the rise

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▶ The rise in obesity among young people is linked to an increase in adolescent cases of type 2 "adult onset" diabetes and associated health problems.

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▶ Edmonton-based CV Technologies received a boost when the FDA approved the sale of Cold-fx in the United States.

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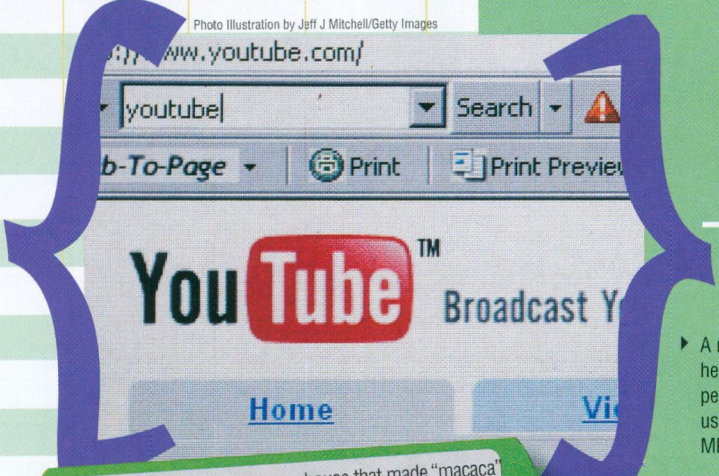
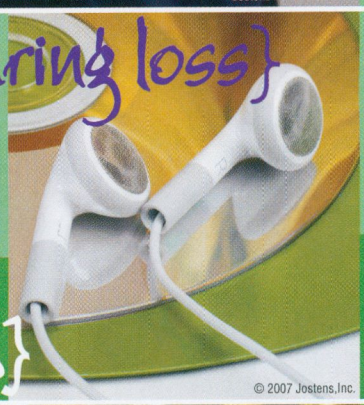


▲ *YouTube*, the Web video powerhouse that made "macaca" a household word, is the media story of the year and a wildly popular form of home entertainment.

{Hearing loss}



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▶ A marked increase in hearing loss among young people is attributed to the use of ear buds in popular MP3 players like the iPod.

{Trans fats}

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▶ Hoteliers join a growing number of fast food chains that are eliminating trans fats from the cooking oils they use. The Calgary Health Region has begun the process of developing a plan similar to that of the recent New York City Board of Health vote on banning trans fats in New York restaurants.

Volunteers!

Jeff Greenberg/Omni-Photo Communications

▲ Canadians aged 15-24 are seeking out volunteer opportunities in record numbers. For many young people, volunteering not only allows them to build their skills as an important link to the job market, but offers the opportunity to make a difference in shaping a better world.

{Entertainment}

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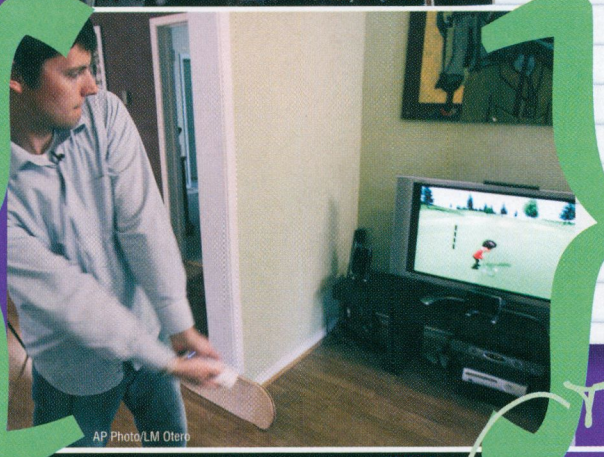
Sony releases its seventh generation PlayStation, known as "PS3". The basic console has a 20 GB hard drive; the premium version comes with 60 GB.

New game systems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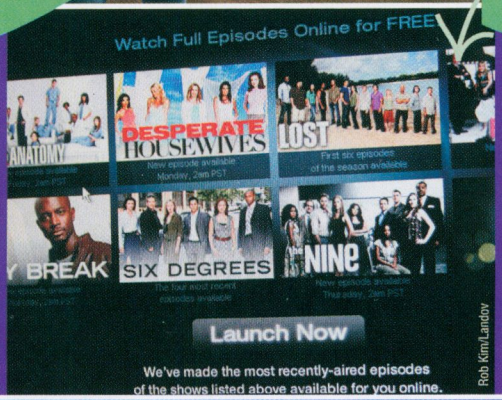
Nintendo releases Wii, its newest video game console, which features a wireless remote that can detect motion and rotation in three dimensions.

Nintendo Wii

TV now!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LOST
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The differences between your television and your computer continue to blur now that network TV programs are available online from services like abc.com.

My favourite video games:

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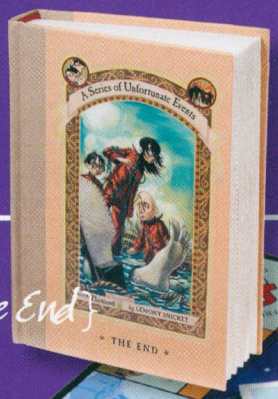
Madden NFL 07 and a barrage of end-of-the-year action games capture the attention of gamers, capitalizing on a major emphasis on online gaming.

{Popular games}



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The unfortunate adventures of the Baudelaire orphans come to an end with the publication of *The End* by Lemony Snicket.

{The End}

The classic board game, Monopoly, gets a 21st century makeover. The "Here & Now" edition features updated tokens, current market prices and 22 new properties.

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Perky Food Network star and best-selling cookbook author Rachael Ray gets her own syndicated talk show, produced by Oprah Winfrey's production company.

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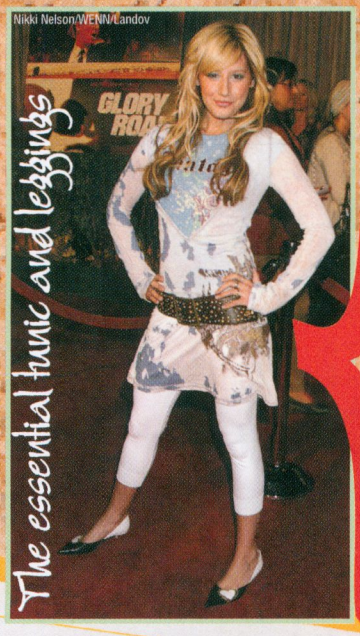
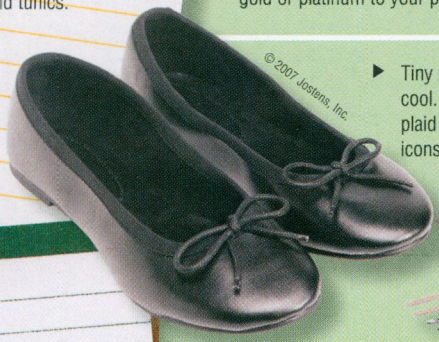
{Trends}



The essential tunic and leggings

▲ Mid-calf and ankle-length leggings, last seen in the trendy 1980s, return to the spotlight. Fashion-conscious girls wear them under minis, dresses and tunics.

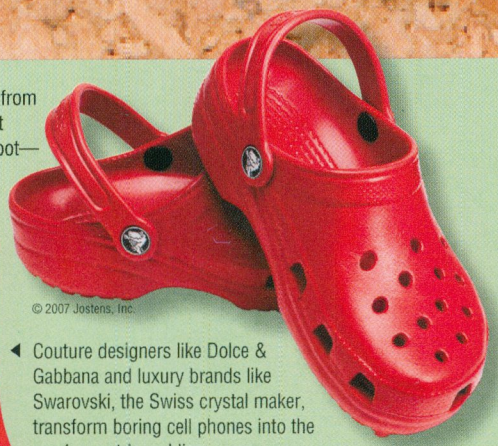
▶ Pointy toes and high heels are out. The feminine, flirty ballerina flat goes with everything from short skirts to long leggings and super-skinny jeans.



Favourite brands:

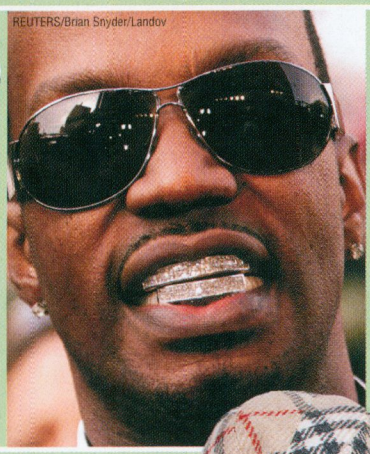
{Diesel}

▶ Colourful comfortable Crocs—made from a buoyant, lightweight, odor-resistant material that molds to the wearer's foot—are the shoe of the year.



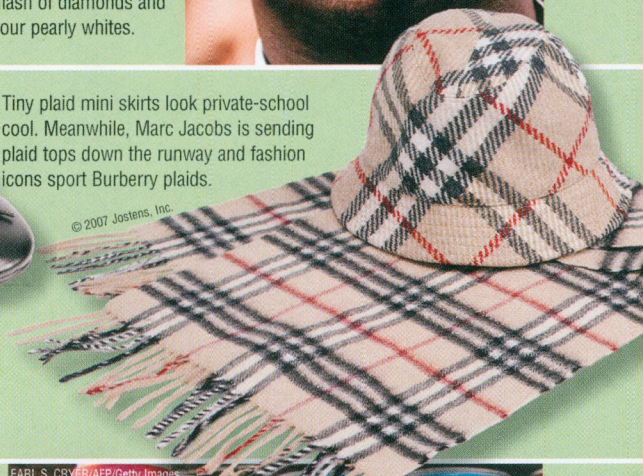
◀ Couture designers like Dolce & Gabbana and luxury brands like Swarovski, the Swiss crystal maker, transform boring cell phones into the year's must-have bling.

Bling bling



▶ Rapper fashion comes to the suburbs as snap-on grills add a flash of diamonds and gold or platinum to your pearly whites.

▶ Tiny plaid mini skirts look private-school cool. Meanwhile, Marc Jacobs is sending plaid tops down the runway and fashion icons sport Burberry plaids.



▶ Nearly 31 percent of teens, or 7.6 million, are consuming energy drinks that contain up to four times the amount of caffeine than is in a can of Coke.

◀ The year's to-die-for, must-have-at-any-price jeans are dark, slim, distressed denims from Diesel, the Italian label that inspires a cult-like devotion among its customers.

Energy drinks

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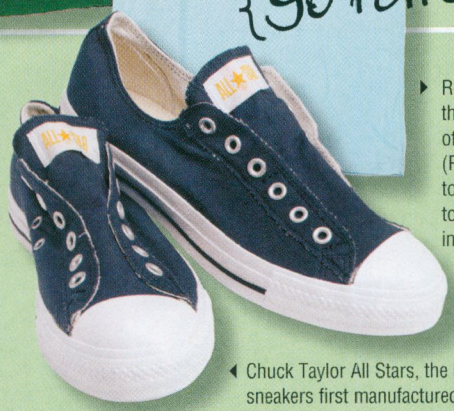
Teens are raiding their parents' closets, as well as retailers like Urban Outfitters and American Eagle, for vintage rock and pop culture T's.

{Go retro}



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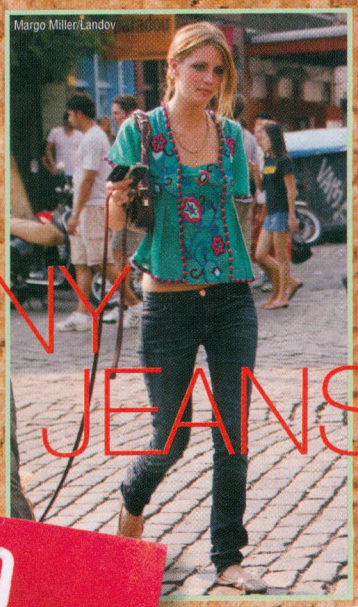
Chuck Taylor All Stars, the basketball sneakers first manufactured by Converse in 1917, are more popular than ever among male and female fashion mavens.

SKINNY JEANS



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After several seasons of low-slung boot-cuts and bell-bottoms, designers on both sides of the Atlantic declare that super-skinny jeans are back in style.

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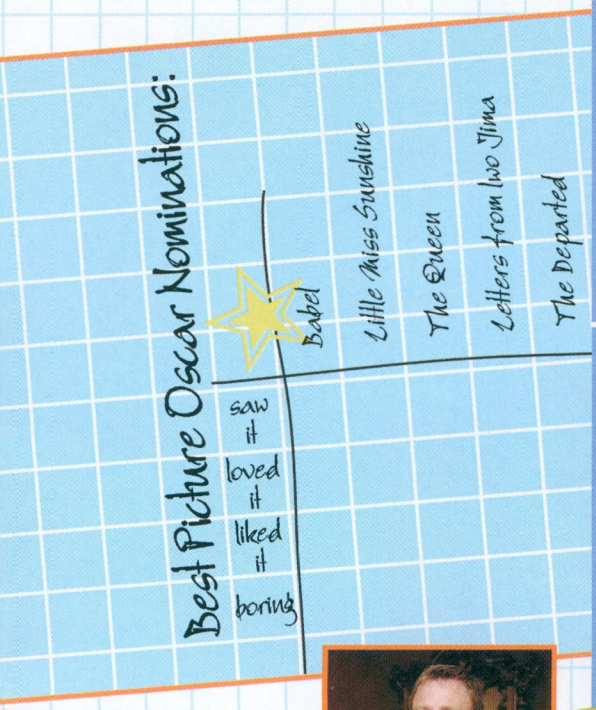
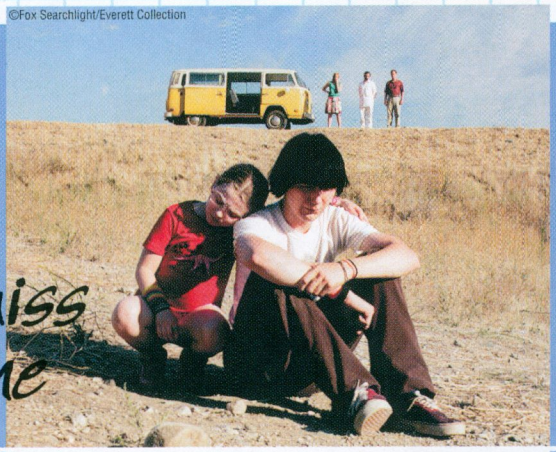
A letter to myself...

Write yourself a letter about your life today that you can read in 10 years to see what has changed.

{movies}

Best Picture Oscar Nominations:





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- A family of squabbling misfits drives a wheezing VW van to a beauty pageant meltdown in the hit movie comedy, *Little Miss Sunshine.*

Little Miss Sunshine

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- Will Smith stars with his son Jaden in *The Pursuit of Happyness*, based on a true story about a struggling single dad.

The Pursuit of Happyness

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- There's a new Bond in town and the critics swoon along with the fans. Blonde, brooding Daniel Craig debuts as James Bond in *Casino Royale.*

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- Many movie lovers opt for DVD convenience, instead of lines at the local theaters, for hits like *Mission Impossible III*, *Superman Returns*, and *The Devil Wears Prada.*

This year's {hit} movies on DVD!

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{Dreamgirls}

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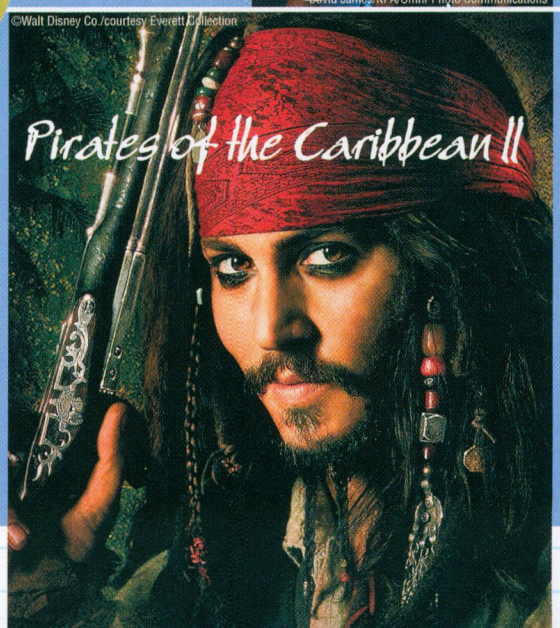
- Newcomer and former *American Idol* contestant Jennifer Hudson wins the Golden Globe for Best Actress in a Comedy or Musical for her performance in *Dreamgirls.*

- SNL alumnus Will Ferrell stars as a goofy, "win-at-all-costs" NASCAR racing star in *Talladega Nights: the Ballad of Ricky Bobby.*

- Johnny Depp's Captain Jack Sparrow returns to the helm of the Flying Dutchman in the swashbuckling, supernatural sequel, *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest.*



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{Television}

My favourite shows:

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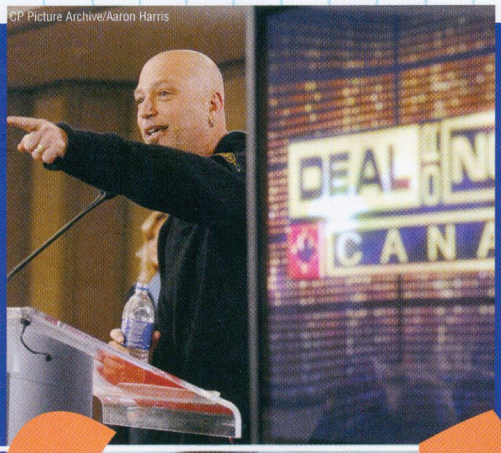
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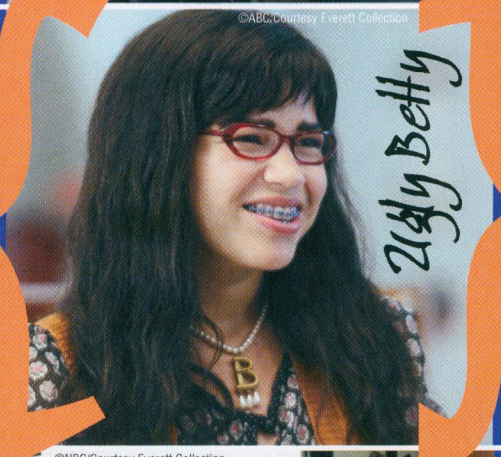
Deal or No Deal Canada

An all-Canadian cast and home-grown contestants fronted by Toronto-born funnyman Howie Mandel make their debut Thursday nights on Global.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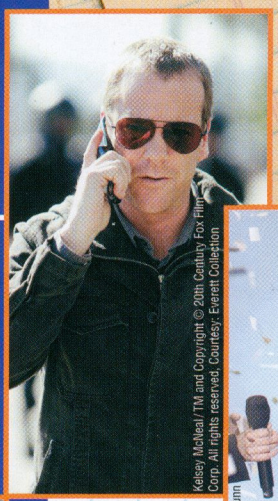
Ugly Betty

The American version of *Ugly Betty*, an ABC show based on the Colombian hit *Yo Soy Betty La Fea*, follows the daily struggles of a fashion-challenged employee of a fashion magazine.

Fox's suspenseful television drama *24* is named Outstanding Drama Series at the 58th annual Emmy Awards after five nominations in the category.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Canadian Idol winner Eva Avila celebrates her win after the results were announced in Toronto on September 17, 2006.

Canadian Idol

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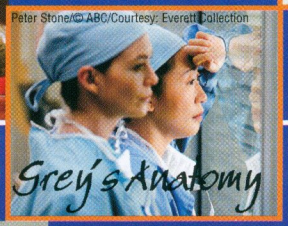
The Office

NBC's *The Office*, starring Steve Carell, wins an Outstanding Comedy Series Emmy and becomes as successful as the original British sitcom.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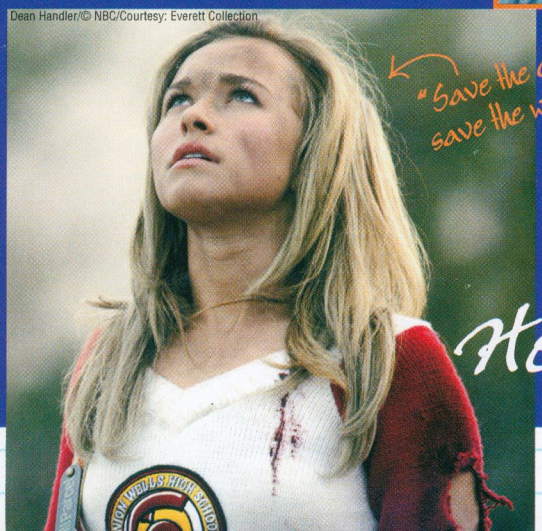
Grey's Anatomy

Once *Grey's Anatomy* was just a reference book for medical students. Now it's the name of ABC's Emmy Award-winning drama featuring the dreamiest doctors on television.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"Save the cheerleader, save the world."

Heroes

The NBC drama *Heroes* tells the story of ordinary people with extraordinary, superhuman capabilities. The hit show features an ensemble cast of 12 main characters.

Academy Award Winners

Best Motion Picture: *The Departed*
Best Actor: Forest Whitaker, *The Last King of Scotland*
Best Actress: Helen Mirren, *The Queen*
Best Direstor: Martin Scorsese, *The Departed*
Best Documentary: *An Inconvenient Truth*

{Music}

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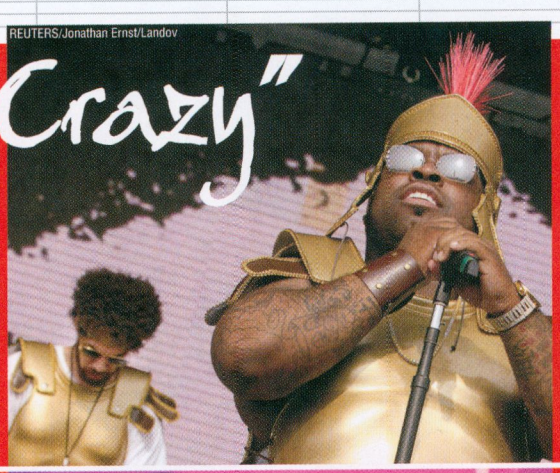
- DJ/producer Danger Mouse and rapper/singer Cee-Lo Green call their collaboration Gnarls Barkley. Their first album, *St. Elsewhere*, features the hit song "Crazy."
- Justin Timberlake continues to prove that there's life after the boy band, with the release of his second solo album and two No. 1 singles.

"Crazy"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- Evanescence, a goth-alternative-metal-piano-arena-chamber-pop group, releases their second album, *The Open Door*, which hits No. 1 on the *Billboard* 200.

Evanescence

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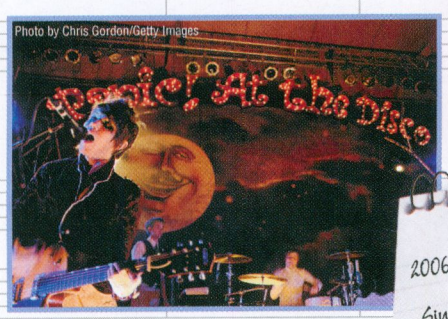

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▲ Panic! At the Disco, an alternative rock band from Las Vegas, achieves mainstream success, despite a heated, public war of words with their ex-bass player.

2006 Teen Choice Award Winners

Single: Fall Out Boy, "Dance, Dance"

R&B Artist: Rihanna

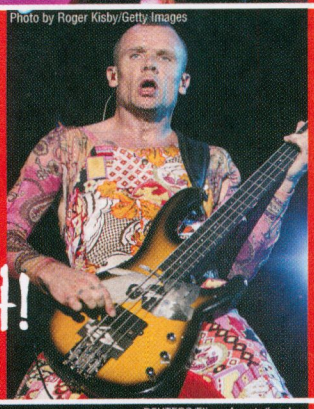
R&B/hip-hop track: Nelly Furtado Featuring Timbaland, "Promiscuous"

Hottie Female: Jessica Alba

Hottie Male: Orlando Bloom

- The Red Hot Chili Peppers complete their ninth studio album, the 28-track *Stadium Arcadium*, which debuts at No. 1 and garners four Grammy awards.

Red hot!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{Shakira}

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- Shakira launches her biggest tour ever and is honored by the United Nations for her charity that protects children from violence in her native Colombia.
- Fergie, of The Black Eyed Peas, releases her first solo album, *The Dutchess*. Her second single, *Fergalicious*, hits No. 1 on *Billboard*'s Pop 100 chart.

{Fergalicious}

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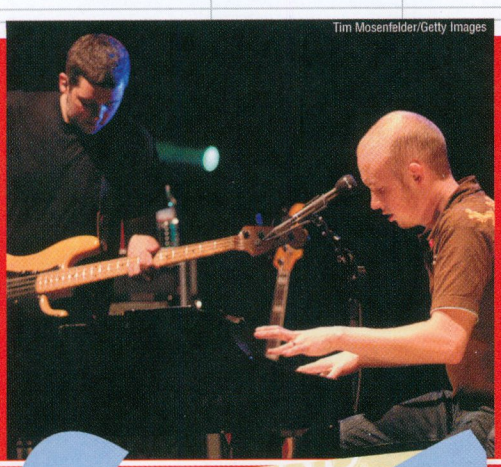
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2006 was a fine year for The Fray. They released a cover of John Lennon and Yoko Ono's "Happy Xmas (War is Over)" on iTunes and won New Artist of the Year at the Billboard Music Awards in Las Vegas.

The Fray

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Nelly Furtado takes the pop single of the year award for "Promiscuous" at the Billboard Music Awards in Las Vegas. Furtado signed on as host of the 2007 Juno Awards and will also make an appearance on hit television show "CSI: NY" in February.

Canadian rockers Avril Lavigne and Sum 41 frontman Deryck Whibley wed in Montecito, California on July 15th after dating approximately 2 years.

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Christina Aguilera releases *Back to Basics*, a critically acclaimed album of blues, soul and jazz music from the 1920s,'30s and '40s.

Avril & Deryck marry

Rascal Flatts

When country superstars Rascal Flatts release *Me And My Gang*, their fourth album, it becomes the top-selling album of any genre for the year.

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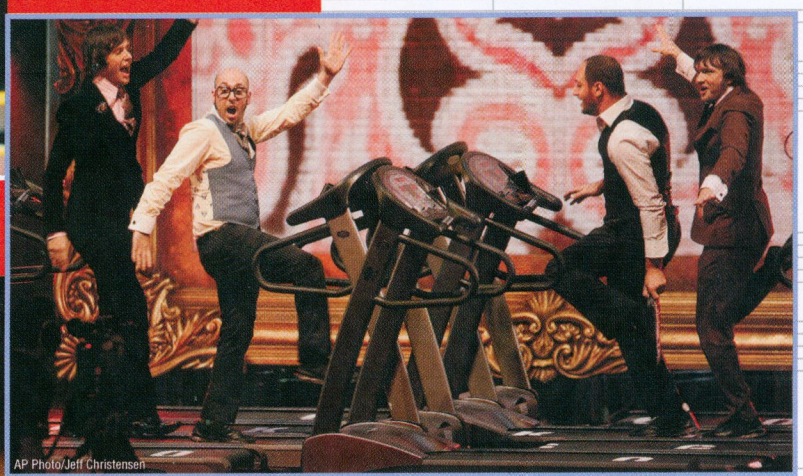
Gwen Stefani announces she's bringing her high energy "Sweet Escape" Tour to Canada. Six dates have been committed so far with an average ticket price of $65.00.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OK Go releases their oddball music videos on YouTube, performs a dance on treadmills live at the 2006 MTV Video Music Awards, and tours with Panic! At the Disco.

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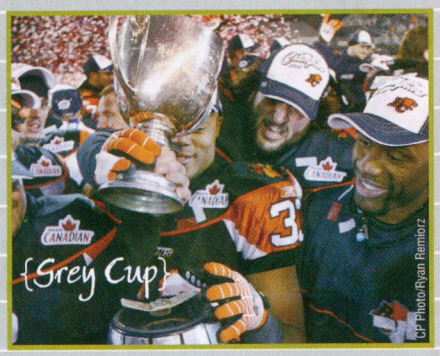


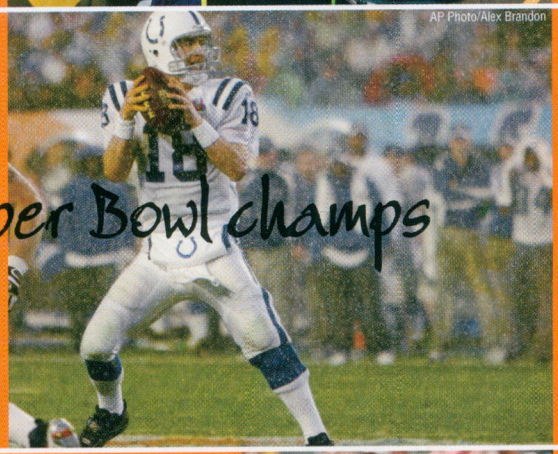
▲ B.C. Lions players hold a broken Grey Cup after beating the Montreal Alouettes 25-14 on November 19th in Winnipeg.

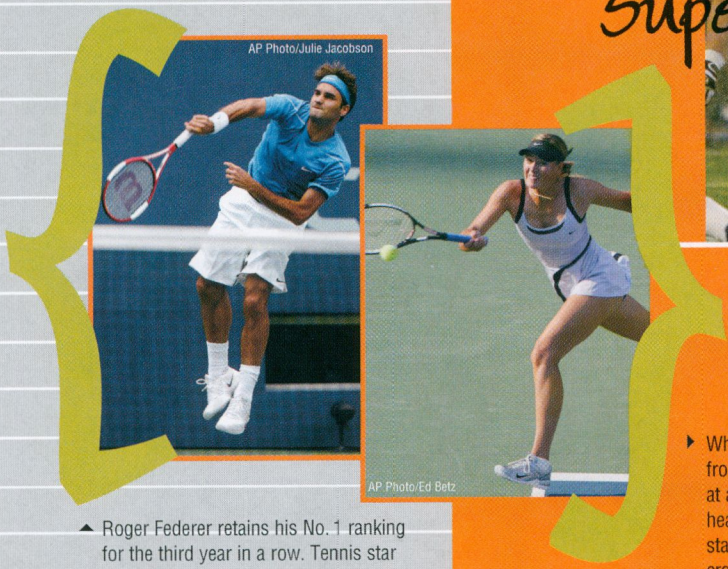
NASCAR

▶ In the victory lane of Homestead-Miami Speedway, NASCAR driver Jimmie Johnson celebrates his 2006 Nextel Cup title and a $6.2 million paycheck.

Super Bowl champs

▶ MVP Peyton Manning leads the Indianapolis Colts through a steady rain and past the Chicago Bears for a 29-17 victory in Super Bowl XLI.

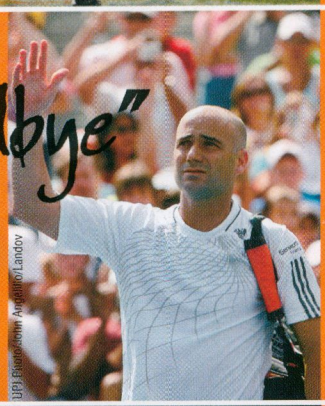




▲ Roger Federer retains his No. 1 ranking for the third year in a row. Tennis star Maria Sharapova is the world's highest-paid female athlete. Both take home a U.S. Open Championship trophy in 2006.

"Goodbye"

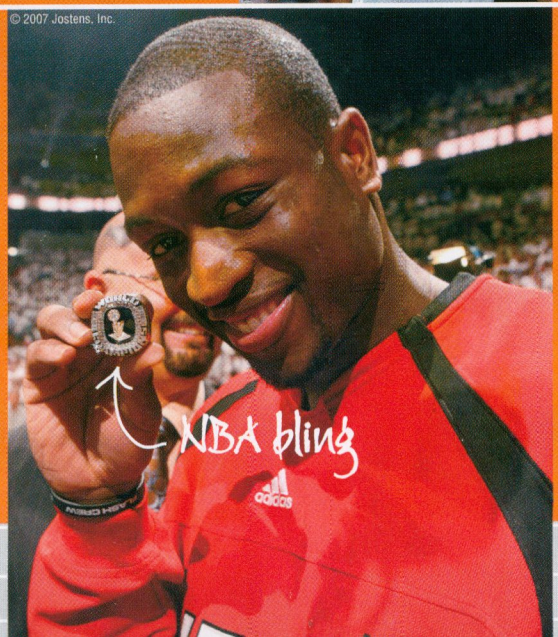
▶ When Andre Agassi retires from professional tennis at age 37, he receives a heartfelt, eight-minute standing ovation from the crowd at the 2006 U.S. Open.

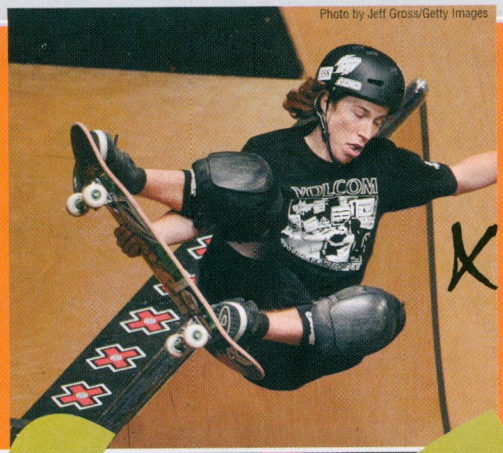


{World Junior Hockey Gold}

◀ Team Canada players celebrate their third straight gold medal by beating Russia 4-2 at the World Junior Hockey Championships in Leksand, Sweden on January 5, 2007.

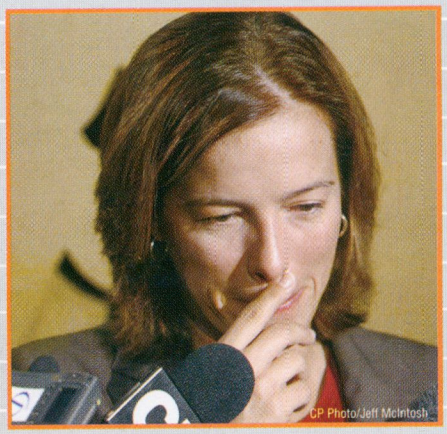
▶ The Miami Heat defeat the Dallas Mavericks in six games to win the NBA Finals. Dwyane Wade, the Miami Heat guard, is named MVP. Jostens proudly produced the featured 'bling'.





X Games

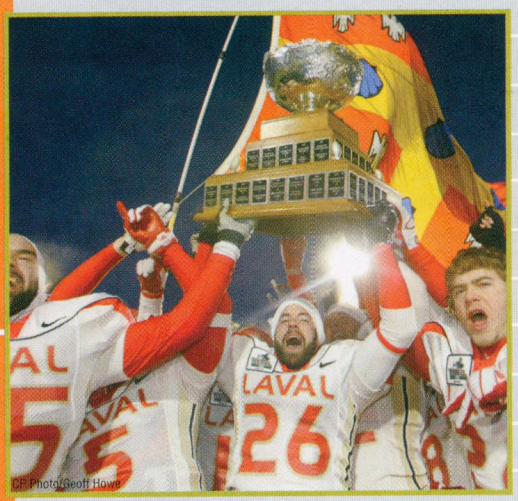
Shaun White makes his second unsuccessful attempt at the 1080 at the 2006 Summer X Games. He is the only skateboarder to attempt the move in competition.



Team Canada captain and Olympic gold medalist Cassie Campbell announces her retirement at Hockey Canada headquarters in Calgary. On October 14, 2006, Campbell became the first woman to do colour commentary on Hockey Night in Canada.

2006 World Series

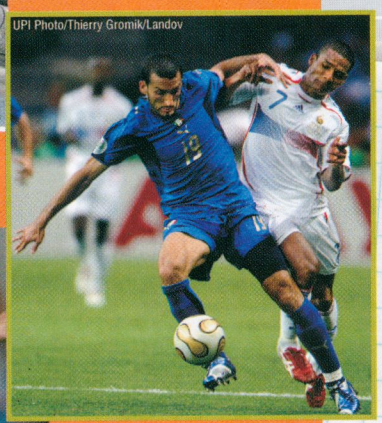
The National League champion St. Louis Cardinals win the 2006 World Series by defeating the American League champion Detroit Tigers in five games.



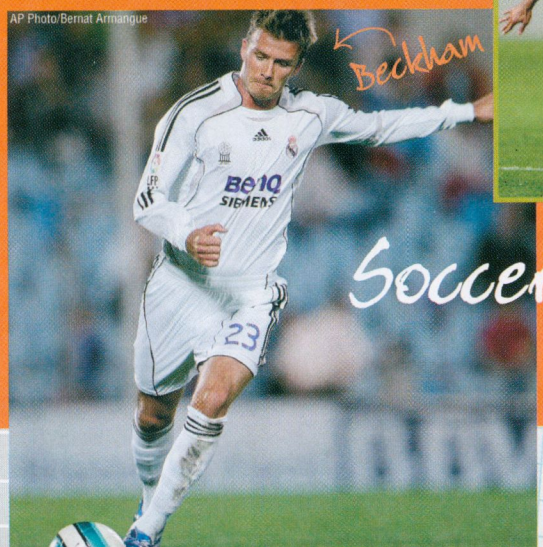
Laval Rouge et Or players hoist the Vanier Cup after defeating the University of Saskatchewan Huskies 13-8 on November 25, 2006.

Stanley Cup

In 2006, the Carolina Hurricanes defeat the Edmonton Oilers four games to three to win their first Stanley Cup in the first post-lockout championship.



International soccer superstar David Beckham signs a $250 million contract to leave Real Madrid to play Major League Soccer in the U.S. for the Los Angeles Galaxy.



Soccer

In the 2006 World Cup Finals, the most widely viewed sporting event in the world, Italy beats France for the title.

My Favourite Teams:

My Favourite Athletes:

{Faces}

My favourite celebrities:

- Fans mourn Steve Irwin, the Crocodile Hunter, who is killed by a stingray while snorkeling at Australia's Great Barrier Reef.

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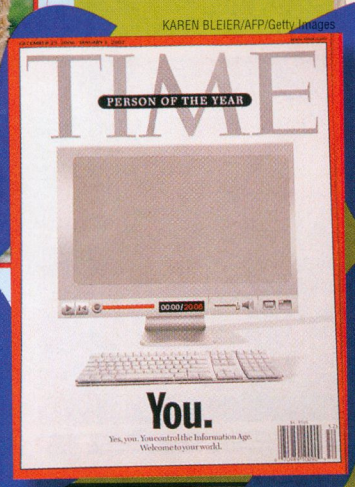
Crocodile hunter

- Due to the popularity of user-generated websites like MySpace and YouTube, *TIME* magazine's annual person of the year is "You."



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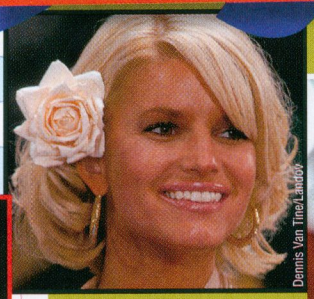
- Jessica Simpson's divorce from Nick Lachey is finalized. Romantic rumors link her to skateboarder Bam Margera, NFL quarterback Tony Romo, singer John Mayer and comedian Dane Cook.



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- Former model and reality television star Anna Nicole Smith dies on February 8, 2007 at age 39 in Hollywood, Florida.

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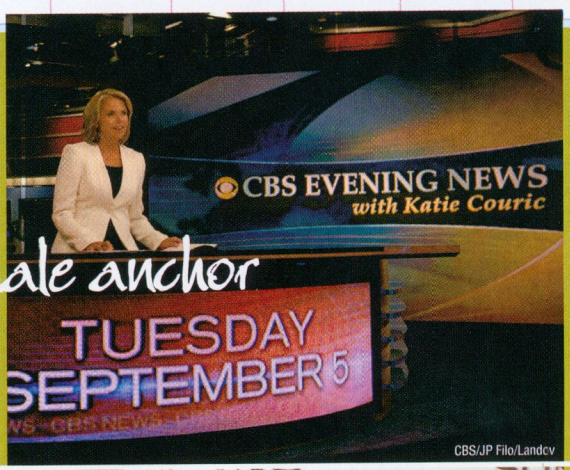
Anna Nicole Smith

- Katie Couric is the anchor of the *CBS Evening News*, becoming the nation's first female solo anchor of a major television network's weekday evening newscast.



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First female anchor

- Shortly after the birth of their second son makes headlines around the world, Britney Spears and Kevin Federline announce the end of their marriage.

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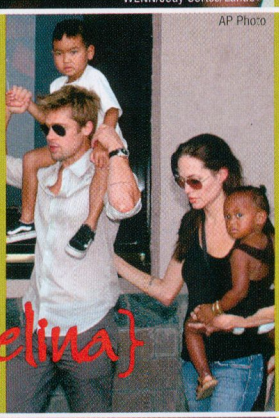
- Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, also known as "Bradgelina," make headlines when Angelina gives birth to daughter Shiloh in the African nation of Namibia.



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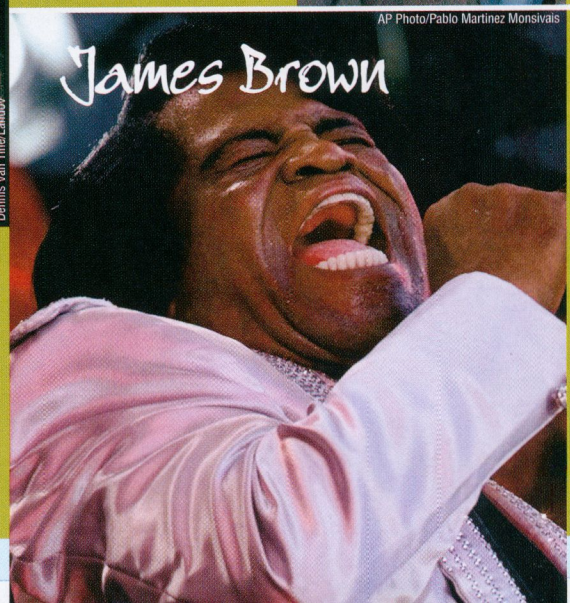
{Bradgelina}

- Dynamic music legend James Brown, aka the Godfather of Soul, dies at the age of 73. He is remembered as one of the major musical influences of the past 50 years.



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